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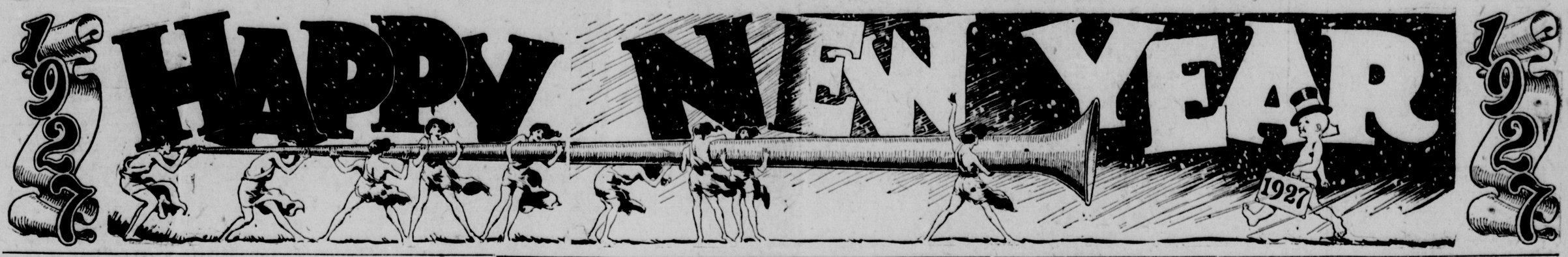

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN 1926 REVIEWED BY MAYOR

MAYOR POINTS TO BUILDING, PAVING, WATER PLANT.

POLICY CONSERVATIVE

Continuance Of Progress In 1927 Is Predicted By Garrett.—Favors Beautification, Industries.

Pointing with pride to the erection of thirty-three residences and three large business houses in 1926, W. O. Garrett, mayor and city manager, expressed belief today that Maryville has experienced a steady, substantial growth during the last twelve months and is firmly set upon a solid foundation for further progress during the coming year.

There may have been more houses erected during this period but the number given by the mayor was indicated by sewer permits issued at the city hall.

"I think Maryville business enterprises have been on a par, or a little better, with cities of the same class. The business conditions were good, all things considered, and Maryville has experienced a successful and prosperous year, or at least a good average year," the mayor summed up in a statement to the Democrat-Forum.

"Maryville," Mr. Garrett said, "is made up of conscientious and progressive men and the town is fortunate that its residents are always ready to get behind anything worthwhile."

This, the city executive, who is serving his fourth term, gave as his explanation why Maryville had been disposed, this year as in the past, to take course of conservative expansion.

City Always Conservative.

The conditions were such and Maryville so situated as to justify serious consideration of a "boom" in 1926. But Maryville never has been known to engage in a "splurge" of spending, voting bonds and undertakings that in the end might prove disastrous, the mayor said.

In this connection Mr. Garrett said he thought Maryville was again extremely fortunate that it was not burdened with a heavy indebtedness. The only outstanding debts are two water Maryville, Mr. Garrett held to his condiminished each year with payments on the principal. While Maryville was gliding along without any serious burdens, the mayor pointed out, other cities, in boasting of their progress, make note of large bond issues voted for civic improvements.

At to what 1927 holds in store for ers than any year since I have been servative policy and predicted only a continuance and furtherance of the undertakings already under way or plans adopted.

Improvements at the water plant and its associated works, in the fire department, and construction of more paving as requested were among the things that will be taken up for consideration and no doubt consummated, Mr. Garrett stated. It is his opinion that the four-year paving program, now completed, has been in no small measure responsible for the increase in building.

Building Remarkable.

"The cry two or three years ago was for more houses," he explained. "Then two years ago several new homes were built and in the year now about to close the increase of building became something to note. Why were these houses erected? What was the cause? Who started it? I can't explain, but nevertheless this all happened as we were going about our business in the usual way. And so, Maryville is comfortably situated to take care of all her denizens and perhaps accommodate a slight influx of population."

Mr. Garrett paused to remark that he believed "the people took more interest in parkways and planting of flowers than any years since I have been in office. I hope to see an advancement in this line and a constructive program in this regard carried out in 1927."

Casting his thoughts back over 1926 the Mayor mentioned a few of the achievements worthy of note. Besides the thirty-three houses built, completion of the Masonic Temple, the Missouri Theatre and the Chevrolet and Dodge Brothers garages the following were named:

Other Improvements.

Lower water rates and taxes, completion of the paving program, improvement at Fourth and Dunn streets, improving Oak Hill cemetery, extension of water mains and sewers, and construction of the clear water storage well at the pumping plant.

Reviewing each of these projects in particular Mr. Garrett commented briefly:

"I think perhaps the biggest accomplishment was the improvement at Fourth and Dunn streets, where marked changes were made by the city and the Wabash Railway Company. The city spent approximately $2,500 on this project, making this a two way avenue, laying pavement, placing white way electric lights and installing a fountain. The Wabash improvements of moving the freight depot and beautifying the premises were a great aid to the administration.

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MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER.

W. O. GARRETT.

Mr. Garrett, as mayor for one year, and mayor and city manager for six other years, has guided the destinies of Maryville. Reared a country boy, by his own determination he has engaged successfully in farming, the hardware business, breeding of blooded Poland-China hogs, has traveled for a recording association in hog breed promotion, has been elected mayor of Maryville four times, and has been appointed city manager during three administrations.

The unique distinction goes to Mr. Garrett, it is believed, of being the only man in the United States who holds the offices both of mayor and city manager.

Mr. Garrett first was elected mayor in the spring of 1918. He served this year under the mayor-alderman form of government. In 1919 he was elected mayor for two years under the commission-manager form. The years 1921-23 he was out of office but again was elected the springs of 1923 and 1925 and during both terms was city manager.

His administrations have brought Maryville out of debt and have accumulated a comfortable balance in the treasury, have built up the water plant, reduced the taxes and water rates and finished a strenuous four-year paving program.

NO ACQUITTAL IN 139 CASES

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT SHOWS ONLY CONVICTIONS.

$4,307 PAID IN FINES

Not More Crime But Enforcement Better, Says George P. Wright.—Record Surpasses That Of 1925.

The yearly report of George P. Wright, prosecuting attorney, as made to the county court, reveals more cases tried and more convictions obtained than for the year before. The report follows:

Number of cases submitted, 139.
Number of convictions sustained, 139.
Cases dismissed at cost of county, 11.
Cases dismissed at cost of defendant, 6.
Total costs of criminal prosecution to county, $113.30.
Aggregate fines assessed, $10,636.
Fines and penalties actually collected and paid to treasurer, $4,307.
Penitentiary sentences, 20.

In regard to fines assessed, Mr. Wright says some of the defendants were insolvent and had to serve their fines in jail, while a portion may yet be collected from other defendants. Some of the defendants who were fined were paroled on payment of part of the fines.

Continuing, Mr. Wright says:

"The record as a whole surpass last year, there being more cases, more convictions obtained, more fines collected and actually paid, more penitentiary and jail sentences.

"I don't think there is more crime committed, but I believe the authorities have been more successful in getting and apprehending more law violators. Practically from 40 to 50 per cent of this year's cases were for violation of the prohibition law. Also five disorderly places were closed by injunction for handling liquor."

The report of Mr. Wright for 1925 showed 113 cases were submitted, with 113 convictions. The aggregate fines assessed during that year amounted to $6,500 while the fines actually collected were $3,518.

Executive Committee of Red Cross Elected

New Group Will Meet At Red Cross Rooms Tuesday Night On Call Of W. F. Phares.

The members of the executive committee of the Americon Red Cross who were elected yesterday were Mrs. J. H. Knox, Mrs. Forrest T. Gillam, Mrs. W. F. Chaves, Dr. Vilas Martin, Glenn Reese, Chilton Robinson and D. A. Caldwell.

W. F. Phares, Red Cross chairman, will call the members of the new committee together at a meeting at the Red Cross rooms at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday night.

The committee will appoint its officers and heads of standing committees for the next year. The officers to be appointed are chairman, vice chairman, secretary and executive secretary. Edward W. Gray is the present disaster relief chairman; Mrs. Earl Barmann is chairman of volunteer service and Mrs. Fern Crull is chairman of the Junior Red Cross Work. Glenn Reese is the present roll call chairman.

John Stoll, Clyde Farmer, Breaks Leg

John stoll, 33, who lives on a farm six miles northeast of Clyde, suffered a broken leg just below the knee today. He was thinning a tree and one of the limbs fell and struck his leg. Stoll was taken to the Sisters' Hospital at St. Joseph, this afternoon.

Anna Neuens Is Dead; Lived Here 43 Years

Heart Trouble Is Cause of Death of 72 Year Old Woman—No Funeral Arrangements Completed.

Mrs. Anna Neuens, 72 years old, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon at her home, 508 North Buchanan street, following an extended illness of heart trouble. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mrs. Neuens was born in Luxemburg, Germany, May 3, 1854. She came to Nodaway County in 1870 and had made her home in Maryville for the last forty-three years. Mrs. Neuens is survived by four children, Emil Neuens, Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. C. E. Baker, Brigham City, Utah, who came last night; J. H. Neuens, Salt Lake City, who also came last night; Mrs. G. G. Bowers of Clinton, Ia., who has been here since Tuesday. Two sisters, Mrs. Lena Schuchart, Omaha, and Mrs. Rose Conway, Enid, Okla., and two brothers, John Weber, Helena, Mont., and Nicholas Weber of Idaho Falls, Idaho, also survive. Mrs. Conway arrived in Maryville last night. Mrs. Neuens also leaves seventeen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Since the death of their mother, Mrs. Charles Buhler, Mrs. Neuens had made her home with her grandchildren, Henry, Paul and Vivian Buhler.

Early Morning Fire Does $3,100 Damage

Blaze At Carl Tarpley Home, Of Unknown Origin, Gets Big Start Before Discovery.

A fire of unknown origin at the Carl Tarpley residence, 406 South Mulberry street, about 6:30 o'clock this morning, did damage estimated roughly at $3,100. The blaze had gained big headway before it was discovered, and two streams of water were thrown on the burning house before the fire was extinguished.

The upper story and kitchen were gutted. Damage to the furniture from water and falling plaster will amount to more than $500 according to the estimate of Fire Chief Burt Rowley this morning. This was the eleventh fire during December and among the most destructive of the year.

The house was covered by insurance.

Tomorrow Last Day Before Tax Penalty

And tomorrow is the last day to pay the 1926 taxes before the 1 per cent penalty goes into effect.

Although it will be the first day of the year and a holiday for some, the tax collectors will be at their posts the entire day, including the noon hour.

Rabbit Hunters Out For Welfare Board

An unknown number of rabbit hunters were out today scouring the brushes and fences in search of rabbits. They sneaked out unobserved, the members of the Bunnie Busters and Bushwhackers, who were giving their time and ammunition to bring in rabbits for the Welfare Board. The receipts from the sale of the rabbits will go to this organization.

Reports had it that Harve England and Walter Smith went out as a pair and were betting they would bring in the most bunnies.

At any rate, a medal will be awarded to the man killing the greatest number of the little animals, which will be brought to the city this evening and shipped to an eastern market.

Another Physician Called on Fall Case

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—Another physician was called into consultation today following a restless night spent by A. B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, sick here with pneumonia.

While Dr. H. K. Stafford issued an optimistic bulletin in concerning the condition of Fall, his family here appeared more worried than at any time since they were called here by his illness.

CITY BEHAVES BETTER IN '26

POLICE COURT CASES SHOW DECIDED SLUMP.

BIG CUT IN SPEEDING

Pavement Now In 1925 Apparently Loses Its Lure.—Drunkenness Charges Rank Second.

Maryville is getting better—in conduct.

At least the police records for the year would indicate this fact. There were almost twice the number of arrests in 1925 as during this year, the police court records of the late Judge Warren L. Johnson and the present judge, J. H. Sayler, show.

This year forty-two cases were brought in police court, and in 1925 the number was 83.

Last year, for some reason or other, may have been exceptional, the citizens may have been celebrating some unusual event or more transients may have come to town. The records for 1924 report forty-three cases of arrests brought before the city judge.

The cause for the large 1925 number may be explained by the fact that the new pavements in Maryville that year induced motorists to give their cars "a tryout" when they thought the cop wasn't looking. The largest decrease in arrests during 1926 is seen in the speeding column. During the previous 12-month period there were forty, while this year Judge Johnson and Judge Sayler reported only sixteen.

The charge of drunkenness came next with eleven. Classified, the arrests as made by the city police force of four, with Bernard Dougan as chief, looks something as follows:

Keeping dog without license—1.
Operating auto without license—1.
Drunkenness—11.
Speeding—16.
Violating traffic laws—3.
Trespassing—1.
Disturbing peace—2.
Operating auto with cutout—1.
Possession of liquor—3.
Reckless driving—1.
Operating auto without taxi license—1.
Soliciting female to ride in car—1.

The amount of fines assessed this year was $1,057. This total looms up due to three cases of possession of liquor where the fines were $250 in each case, all of which were appealed. In one case of violation of traffic laws the defendant was found not guilty and the case of trespassing was dismissed.

The arrests according to months:

January
Possession of liquor 3
Speeding 1
Violation traffic laws 1

February
Speeding 2
Drunkenness 1
Reckless driving 1

March
Speeding 2
Operating auto without taxi license .. 1
Violating traffic laws 1
Soliciting female to ride in car 1
Disturbing the peace 1

April
Keeping dog without license 1
Operating auto without license 1

May
Drunkenness 2
Speeding 2
Violating traffic laws 1

June
Speeding 5
Drunkenness 3
Trespassing 1

July
Disturbing the peace 1
Speeding 2

August
Speeding 1

September
None.

October
Drunkenness 1

November
Drunkenness 1

December
Drunkenness 3
Speeding 1
Operating auto with cutout 1

More Arms Landed on Nicaraguan Soil

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 31.—American aviators with Nicaraguan constabulary, according to a government announcement today, have reported the landing on Nicaraguan soil, near Cuisiguana, of a quantity of arms for the liberal army from the gun runner, Temporal.

STATE CROPS WORTH LESS

YEAR-END INVOICE PUTS VALUE AT $304,117,000.

CORN IS FAR IN LEAD

This Crop in Missouri Estimated at $118,449,000.—All Wheat at $26,630,000.

Jefferson City, Dec. 31.—The year-end invoice of the soil crops of 1926 shows a grand total of $304,117,000, being $57,899,000 less than the footing of one year ago, according to a joint statement by E. A. Logan of the United States Department of Agriculture and Jewell Mayes, of the Missouri state board of agriculture. A few of the 1926 items follow:

Corn, 6,404,000 acres, 27.2 bushels an acre, 174,189,000 bushels, 68 cents a bushel, value $118,449,000.

Winter wheat, 1,391,000 acres, 15.3 bushels an acre, 21,282,000 bushels, $1.25 a bushel, value $26,390,000.

Spring wheat, 12,000 acres, 16 bushels an acre, 192,000 bushels, $1.25 a bushel, value $240,000.

Total value of all wheat, $26,630,000.

$10,000 Given to Fund of M. E. Church, South

Montgomery City, Mo., Dec. 31.—A $10,000 gift to the conference fund of the Missouri Methodist Church, South, was announced today by Dr. R. H. Cooper, agent of the fund.

He said this brought the total of the fund close to the $200,000 goal.

The donor of the gift was a woman, who desired that her name be withheld, Dr. Cooper said.

Springfield Paper to Change Its Name

Springfield, Dec. 31.—Articles of incorporation were on file here today for the Springfield Daily News, incorporated at $100,000. The new publication is to succeed the Springfield Republican. It is understood the Daily News is to be operated under the direction of E. K. Bixby of Muskogee, Okla.

The first edition of the Daily News is scheduled to appear Sunday morning.

Habeas Corpus Writ Ordered by Dawson

A temporary writ of habeas corpus was issued today by Judge John M. Dawson of the circuit court against Priscilla Baker, from holding in custody Elizabeth Fern Logan, age 2, a daughter of Floyd Logan, the petitioner.

The writ is returnable at 10 a. m., Monday, when Priscilla Baker must appear before the court with the child, whom the father says is being held unlawfully.

Mrs. Minnie Cozad of Blanchard, Ia., was a Maryville visitor today.

SMITH TO BE SEATED FIRST

THEN ILLINOIS SENATE WINNER WILL BE KICKED OUT.

POLL IS SEVEN TO ONE

Neither Debate Nor Committee Investigation Expected to Change Attitude Toward Smith.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A poll of senators now in Washington indicates that Senator-Designate Frank L. Smith, Republican, Illinois, will not be barred at the Senate door when he comes here probably next week to present his credentials, but that his case will be referred to a committee for quick investigation and report.

One group will make a fight to bar Smith summarily but a check by the United Press today indicated that ths fight would be lost and Smith temporarily seated because of the fear of a majority of members that a dangerous precedent would be set.

About one-half of the ninety-six senators are in the capital. The check indicates that the Senate is now lined up seven to one against Smith being permitted finally to keep his seat. Leaders say they do not expect the vote to be changed by debate or by the investigation which the Senate will direct a committee to make, but they are unwilling to depart from custom to such an extent as to bar a man without giving him every chance to be heard.

Opponents of Smith assert they have eighty votes against seating him finally. Of the Democrats, Senator Blease, South Carolina, is the only one known to favor seating of the Illinois senator-designate, who spent $250,000 in his primary campaign.

Motor Industry Back to Normal Production

Dodge Brothers Executive Predicts Most of 150,000 Men Now "Off" Will Go to Work Soon.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—The automobile industry will swing into its normal production "curve" for January, putting back to work the greater part of approximately 150,000 men here who have had a large portion of November and December "off," Frederick J. Haynes, chairman of the board of directors of Dodge Brothers, predicted today.

Haynes' optimistic outlook for 1927 expressed the general idea given by executives of other large automobile concerns who were interviewed by the United Press in a survey of conditions in the motor industry.

Mexican Official Denies An Attack

Consul At Houston Repudiates Statement That United States Has "Bungled."

San Antonio, Dec. 31.—Denial that F. B. Guerra, Mexican consul at Houston, had made statements derogatory to the United States, was made here today by A. P. Carrillo, Mexican consul-general for Texas and Oklahoma.

Carrillo said he was in telephonic communication with Guerra at Houston and that Guerra told him he had not made the statements.

Guerra was quoted as saying the United States had "bungled" in its Latin-American relations and that Kellogg was short sighted.

Weather

Fair today and probably Saturday; moderate temperature.

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GOODBYE! HELLO!
By HAL M. COCHRAN

Goodbye, Ol' Nineteen Twenty-Six,
The ties 'tween us must sever.
You're picking up your bag o' tricks
And moving on, forever.
We've found much fault and praised a lot,
You've been both cursed and sainted.
But now the feeling we've all got:
We're glad we've been acquainted.

Hello there, Twenty-Seven. You
Arrive mid quite a scramble.
Of course you're very welcome, too—
Join hands with us and ramble!
We look to you for better things
If better things you know of.
So, let's all work together—that's
What happiness will grow of!

BARBS

A report shows 61,302 women have railroad jobs in this country. Pretty soon we'll be able to go down to the depot and flirt with the lady brakeman.

One person in every five in the United States owns a car now, according to registration figures. That is, they did before Jan. 1.

A New Jersey girl routed a burglar by kicking his shins. It must take nerve to dance the Charleston with a burglar.

European firms have boosted the price of rags. Such a demand over there from chewers, perhaps.

Ancient New Year Celebrations Differed From Observance Now

From Columbia Evening Missourian.

Customs have changed in New Year's Day celebrations. The modern significance of this holiday differs materially from the ancient conception.

And the day is ancient, too. The Romans began it as a holiday and although the calendar has been changed considerably since their time, the day is still observed.

Other countries and nations were quick to obtain the spirit, however, and the eighteenth century found nearly every country including it among its list of holidays. After the restoration of the Bourbons in France it became a custom for one to send bon bons to all his friends on this day. In 1822 a thousand tons of the sweets were sold in the two days preceding the festival.

Indians from early times have had a sun dance in which time offerings are made to their gods. The Moqui tribe celebrates with an elaborate mythic drama, known as the So-yal-una in which effigies are made to the great plume-headed serpent.

George Washington started a precedent, that of being at home from the hours of 12 till 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive visits from all the house from foreign dignitaries. From this grew the family custom of calling on as many friends as possible during the day.

Generally speaking, however, celebrations now take on a more modern form. Feasting of course has a high place in the list of things possible. If the turkey survives Thanksgiving and Christmas he stands a fair chance of bidding the world goodby to adorn someone's New Year's dinner table.

Then there is the New Year party or dance at which everyone watches "the new year in and the old year out." At approximately 12 o'clock all watches are being compared so as to ascertain the correct time, and everyone is tense with excitement and anticipation. Finally the town bell rings and the celebration begins. Almost immediately bells from all over the city begin ringing. There is a din of noise and a clatter of metals as one sees cars passing down the street with tin cans tied behind so as to bounce noisily over the pavement. Perhaps some poor dog has been so unfortunate as to have ventured forth on the night and has been decorated in the same way.

From all sides can be heard the tooting of horns and the crackling of other noise-making devices. At no other time of the year is the merry making so acute except possibly the Fourth of July.

And then there is the other phase of New Year activities. This is the turning over of the new leaf. Everyone decides to quit doing something they did the previous year. "Swearing off" of something is a common sport of the season. With some it is merely a promise to themselves which lasts a few days, but in others it represents a conscientious effort to do better.

When Father Time passes across the stage of things with his scythe and the new born babe, he may be just a little bit shocked but he surely must see a lot of good in the modern way of showing enthusiasm.

AH—WE'VE PICKED UP ANOTHER NEW STATION.

"HELLO EVERYBODY!—
WE ARE NOW BROADCASTING FROM STATION
1-9-2-7
WE WILL START OFF BY TOOTING WHISTLES, BLOWING HORNS AND RINGING BELLS AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY MY LITTLE ASSISTANT—
THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS"
TIME
THE NEW YEAR

Willie Willis

By ROBERT QUILLEN

"Pug says I'll go to hell, but I don't believe it's wicked to say your prayers after you get in bed if it's winter time."

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Talks War

More trouble is in the making for Mexico, if statements credited to Adolfo de la Huerta, the republic's one-time provisional president, are to be believed. Visiting California and Arizona, Huerta said he was waiting for the right moment to assume leadership of a revolt against the administration of President Calles.

The New Year Here Tomorrow; It's Over in Chatham Islands

Christchurch, New Zealand, Dec. 31.—New Years Day commenced in the Chatham Islands, 414 miles Southeast of Wellington, Australia, at 7 o'clock this morning, Eastern Standard Time. By the time the New Year's sirens shriek in New York those of the Chatham Islanders, who have been able to get up following their festivities, will have laid away the wet towels from the feverish heads, will have had breakfast luncheon and tea and be thinking about what their stomachs will stand for the evening meal of January 1, 1927.

Of all the people in the world the little colony of 220 Britishers in the Chatham Islands are each year the first to greet the New Year. Theoretically the symmetrical 180th meridian from Greenwich is the starting point of every day. But this meredian cuts through several islands and the northeast corners of Asia, and its use for time purposes would involve awkward calendar complications.

To avoid this an arbitrary meridian has been adopted called the Admirality Date Line, and made to curve east and west of the geographical 180 meridian in such a way that it lies in the ocean. Chatham Islands lie near enough to the line to see the New Year born.

Girl Buys Bridal Gown, Secures All Except Bridegroom

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 31.—A "vivid imagination" was blamed today by Allan Reed, member of the University of Missouri faculty, for his implication in the marriage plans of Miss Ivah Griggs, missing Sioux City, Ia., girl.

The girl disappeared at Sioux City Christmas eve after she purchased a bridal gown and engaged a Chicago harpist at the rate of $75 for a ten-minute recital at her wedding with Reed.

Reed said he had merely a "nodding acquaintance" with Miss Griggs while the two were students at the State Teachers College here in 1923.

A state wide search is being made for the missing girl.

Forest Hanna Forms a Law Firm at K. C.

Forest W. Hanna of Kansas City, who went out of office today as prosecuting attorney of Jackson County, has announced he had formed a law partnership with B. T. Hurwitz, at present an assistant prosecutor. The new firm's name is Hanna & Hurwitz and its offices will be in the Federal Reserve Bank building in Kansas City.

Bank at Brentwood Robbed by Two Men

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Two bandits shortly before noon today entered the Brentwood Bank at Brentwood, Mo., forced bank officials and customers to enter the vault and escaped with between $7,000 and $7,500 in cash.

Here From Skidmore.

Mrs. Robert Barrett of Skidmore visited in Maryville today with her daughter, Mrs. Linwood Singleton. She was accompanied by her son, Charles.

Sen. Ford Inspects State Hospital No. 2

Senator M. E. Ford of this city was in St. Joseph yesterday to inspect State Hospital No. 2 along with other members of a committee appointed by the state senate two years. The other members of the committee were Senators M. E. Casey of Kansas City, and B. T. Gordon of Liberty.

The proposal to remove the State Hospital No. 2 has been discussed for the last few years. The discussion over the hospital arises from the fact that more ground is desired and some legislators have thought the institution should be located where ground may be bought at a smaller figure than the real estate in the vicinity of No. 2 commands.

Former Kaiser May Become Movie Star

Report Says Wilhelm and Hermine Will Take Leading Roles in an American Production.

New York, Dec. 31.—Current newspapers have carried stories that Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former kaiser of Germany, and his wife would play the leading roles in a motion picture to be made at Doorn, Holland.

The film would be made by Universal Pictures corporation, would run from two to five reels and would be distributed in the United States, the accounts say.

Local officials of the Universal company said they had no knowledge of the reported picture, and referred questioners to Carl Laemmle, who is in Universal City, California.

Substantial Growth in 1926 Reviewed by Mayor

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"Next, perhaps, in importance was the converting of seven and one-half acres to the city's holdings as an addition to Oak Hill cemetery, immediately north of the city limits. The purchase price was $5,625 and the city has already started to realize on the investment. The tract has been plotted, a graveled road constructed through the grounds, trees and shrubbery planted and there have been lots sold and in use since the city took over the addition. This was next to the biggest undertaking by the administration during 1926 and I hope to see plans of beautification carried out.

"We finished the paving program begun four years ago. In 1926 sixteen and a half blocks and one block of alleyway was completed, roughly estimated at an aggregate cost of $40,000 or about $2,500 a block.

Small Tax Reduction.

"A tax reduction of three-tenths of a mill was made, lowering the total levy from 6.4 in 1925 to 6.1 this year.

"Then there was the 5 per cent reduction in the water rates." At this point Mr. Garrett turned back to a year ago when a 10 per cent reduction was made by the city commissioners.

"At this time we believed we were justified in making a reduction, as we fully took into consideration the meter readings, the cost of pumping water and all other costs incidental to the water department," he declared. "The water department receipts for the year previous gave us enough leeway to go ahead with the rate lowering. But even with the 10 per cent reduction the receipts mounted to three hundred dollars a month more than the anticipated revenue.

"Thus, looking to the future and considering the probable improvement, we felt we were justified in making the still further decrease. However, there is always a limit to reducing the rates; what point that is remains to be seen."

Speaking of the clear water storage well recently completed, the Mayor said the total cost was $2,901.25, and that the salvage value of material used in its construction amounted to about $250. He said the city advertised bids and received one for $4,160. The engineer's estimate was $3,500.

City Saved $1,259.25.

Believing the city could be saved several hundred dollars if the well was constructed under the supervision of city officials the commissioners voted to go ahead with the work. Mr. Garrett and J. W. Qualls, superintendent of the water department, undertook the work and saved the city, $1,259.25 rather than let the work to a contractor.

The mayor then took up what may be done this year in further expanding the water department. He mentioned the clear water storage well and the installation of another electric pump during this month, to be put into operation the fore part of 1927.

New improvements on the water main from the pumping station to the city limits undoubtedly will be started, Mr. Garrett said, This is in line with maintaining the water department so it can take care of future needs and reduce operating expenses. The mayor mentioned the state highway department's plan for a new road east of the city and said the moving of the water mains to the side of the highway would be necessary. Just what size mains will be put down Mr. Garrett could not state today. But the cost of the project may run around $25,000.

While speaking of the water department Mr. Garrett said that it had been his hobby to keep up the plant at the highest efficiency, yet to maintain the lowest operating costs. The 5 per cent reduction will mean an estimated saving to the water consumers of from $1,800 to $2,000 a year. Yet this reduction will not in any way cripple the service. He said that when the new improvements in the mains are made, the water department will still have a good net balance in the treasury.

Extension of sewers and water mains, although not extraordinary, showed a good gain during the year, he stated.

Finances In Good Shape.

In regard to the city's finances, Mr. Garrett said the monthly reports made public showed the finances to be in good shape, and incomparably better than the condition of the treasury seven or eight years ago.

Added improvements will be made to the city fire department during the coming year, in the opinion of the mayor. There now is under consideration the buying of added equipment. "I would like to see the city have as soon as can be financed an independent chemical outfit with sufficient ladders and equipment," Mayor Garrett said.

Before putting on his coat and hat to make his way home the Mayor hesitated and then stated:

"I hope someday to be able to go to the polls and vote bonds of over $100,000 for the establishment of a park system in Maryville." But conditions in Maryville will not even permit this idea at present, he added.

Closing his interview, the mayor made it emphatic that the State Teachers College is one of Maryville's biggest assets, and the people must consider themselves fortunate that it was located here.

As for the establishment of other industries in Maryville, the man who has been at the city's helm for seven years said the town should push itself forward to grasp any opportunities that would add to the population and aid the city in a business way.

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IN SOCIETY

Bullock-Hayes.

Miss Ruby Bullock and Druly Hayes, both of Bolckow, were married at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the pastor's study of the Christian Church, the Rev. R. E. Musgrave officiating.

Curfman Family Dinner.

As is her annual custom, Mrs. J. C. Curfman is entertaining at a New Year's dinner this evening for members of her family. The group will include Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Curfman and daughter, Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. William Neidel, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Curfman and children, Lula Mae, John, Ralph and Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Curfman and children, Virginia, Robert and Jack, and the hostess.

Hostess at Bridge.

Mrs. Kenneth Fordyce was hostess at a bridge party yesterday afternoon at her home in Burlington Junction, when she entertained fourteen guests. The games were played at three tables, the high-score prize going to Miss Marie Cloud. Assisting in entertaining was the mother of the hostess, Mrs. Jesse Miller of Maryville. Mrs. Fordyce's guests included Misses Margaret and Catherine Remus, Mabel and Roberta Cook, Mabel Raines, Martha Kennedy, Marie Cloud, Ora Mae Condon, Mrs. William L. Mapel, Mrs. Donald Dowell, and Mrs. W. B. Owen, of Maryville, Mrs. Stanley Aley of Chicago, Mrs. C. D. Scott of Leon, Ia., and Mrs. Charles Jones of Burlington Junction.

Lasher Community Club.

Mrs. Jake Suetterlin was hostess at an all-day meeting of the Lasher Community Club yesterday. Sewing was the diversion for the day and dinner was served cafeteria style. A short business session was held when the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Those present were Mrs. Wayne Cooper, Mrs. Joe Everhart, Mrs. John Eickholt and son, Mrs. Jesse Smith, Mrs. Will Job, jr., and son, Mrs. John Schenkel, Mrs. Clarence Bailey, Mrs. Emery Shell, Mrs. Byron Masters and daughter, Mrs. George Masters, Mrs. Helen Strauch, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Suetterlin, Misses Opal Cooper, Ruth Suetterlin, Hazel Schenkel, Nellie Strauch, Ella O'Grady, Etta, Olatha and Lola Belle Suetterlin. The annual election of officers will be held at the next meeting on Jan. 12 at the home of Mrs. John Schenkel.

Bridge for Visitor.

In honor of Miss Agnes Speirs of Newton, Ia., the holiday guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Speirs, Miss Martha Kennedy gave a bridge party this afternoon at her home on East Seventh street. The games were played at three tables. Other guests were Miss Marie Cloud, Miss Ora Mae Condon, Mrs. Kenneth Fordyce of Burlington Junction, Miss Mabel Raines, Mrs. William L. Mapel, Mrs. Stanley Aley of Chicago, Mrs. W. B. Owen, Miss Ora Mae Condon, Mrs. Dean Blagg, Mrs. C. D. Scott of Leon, Ia., Mrs. Donald Dowell and Mrs. J. A. Speirs.

Mrs. Upschulte Hostess.

Members of the Ladies Intellectual Club were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Upschulte on South Walnut street. The afternoon was spent socially and an exchange of Christmas gifts was enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches coffee, cake and fruit salad were served. Mrs. Alvin Trueblood assisting the hostess. The guests included, besides club members, Mrs. Ellet Trueblood and Charles Massey.

For Omaha Visitor.

A 12 o'clock dinner was given this noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Raines in honor of Miss Marian Morgan of Omaha, the week-end guest of Miss Laura Margaret Raines. Others entertained were Miss Mayme Grems, Mrs. Stanley Aley of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Mapel, Miss Edith Raines of Minneapolis, and Miss Mabel Raines.

For Miss Speirs.

Mrs. J. A. Speirs entertained with a six-table bridge party yesterday afternoon at her home on East Seventh street, complimentary to her niece, Miss Agnes Speirs of Newton, Ia. The game prize was won by Mrs. O. M. Watkins and the guest favor went to Mrs. Philip Colbert of Lincoln, Neb. Red roses and red candles were employed in the decoration. Assisting in entertaining were Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, Miss Elizabeth Leet, Miss Eva Margaret Frank, Miss Esther Roseberry and Miss Genevieve Todd. Miss Speirs will leave tomorrow noon for Newton after a holiday visit at the Speirs home.

Epworth Class Party.

Members of the Epworth Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church and their families were entertained at a Christmas party last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Houchens on North Walnut street. The hostesses included Mrs. Houchens, Miss Mabel Gay, Mrs. D. M. Hughes, Mrs. Charles Hartness and Miss Dena Hartman. The house was decorated with the Christmas colors and roses. The program opened with reading of the Christmas story by Mrs. R. S. Braniger, followed by several songs by the group. Roll call was responded to with Christmas thoughts or music. Other program features included a vocal duet by Mrs. Emma Eckles and Mrs. Laura Sue Rittenour; violin selection by Joe Aley, accompanied by Mrs. Florence Westfall; violin solo by Miss Verneta Moore, accompanied by her sister, Miss Hope Moore; and a vocal solo by Mrs. Stanley Aley. Refreshments followed the program. Those present were Mrs. Florence Westfall and son, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Devore, Mrs. S. E. Fisher and daughter, Grace, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartness, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Houchens, Mrs. Anna Houchens of Ravenwood, Mrs. Emma Eckles, Miss Jennie White, Mrs. Stanley Aley of Chicago, Miss Dena Hartman, Mrs. E. O. Foland, Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James, the Rev. and Mrs. Lane Douglas, Mrs. Frede, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. Laura Sue Rittenour, Mrs. Robert Aley and son, Joe, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Price, Mrs. R. S. Braniger, Miss Alice Braniger, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and daughters, Hope and Verneta, Mrs. W. R. Wells, Mrs. Anna Stauble, Mrs. Robert Heflin and daughters, Belle and Mayme, Mrs. D. N. Scott, Mrs. S. O. Keever and her sister, Mrs. Hays of Skidmore, and Mrs. Stevenson, also of Skidmore.

Brand Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand entertained with a 1 o'clock dinner yesterday at Maple Lawn, their country home, eight miles northwest of Savannah. A program of radio and instrumental music was enjoyed during the afternoon. Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sawyers and children, Beulah, Gertrude and Robert James, Mr. and Mrs. George Neff and children, Betty Jean and Ellen Louise, Miss Elizabeth Sawyers, W. G. Sawyers, Mr. and [illegible] Karl Zimmerman and children, Martha Sue and Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. C. Neff and Mrs. Rachel Scott, all of Maryville, Mrs. William Barnhouse of Steubenville, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Sawyers, Mrs. Stephen H. Keller and daughter, Eva Ruth, of Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Sawyers of Mirabile, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Sawyers of St. Joseph, William F. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Crowley and daughter, Fern Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Elva Brand, and Bryan McBeath, all of Savannah. The hostess was formerly Miss Eleanor Agnes Sawyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sawyers of Maryville.

[illegible] Staff Officers.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Officers will be installed for the ensuing year. Members of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., are invited.

"Scores homeless in fire," says a headline. How about those millions homeless in autos?

The Way to be Sure

that you will have as much money as you want when Christmas 1927 rolls around, is to enter one of our Christmas Savings Club classes, and start putting away a little each week.

You'll find it easy to do, and a wonderfully comforting thing when the holiday season begins to loom up next year!

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Dept. Stores-"All Sorts of Things"

January Clearance Sale

The Great January value giving event starts Saturday. Everything is being offered at greatly reduced prices. Every value is worth while. Come early and buy generously.

Greatest Values in Coats

For final clearance, $29.90 and $32.90 coats priced in one big lot to clean up. See these values at **$19.90**

Clearance Sale of Blankets

Here are real values. Don't miss these reductions.

Cotton Blankets **$1.59** — Large size Blankets **$2.69**

Four pound double blankets in gray only, priced at **$3.19**

Part wool Blankets **$4.48** — Fancy single **$2.89** — $3.98 Blankets **$3.48**

Sheetings Low Priced

The quality is excellent and there is plenty of it in 9-4. The price can't be beat at **35c**

PART LINEN CRASH Ten yards to the piece, priced a yard for **10c**

MUSLINS 36 ins. wide. Will sell in this event, a yard for **9c**

Outing Flannel Gowns

That are made to satisfy—quality materials, fancy trimmed, sells regular for $1.48, Clearance price **$1.19**

Outings at Prices You'll Appreciate

The prices on these outings are so low they will interest you now! Take advantage of the good values we are now offering.

Dark and light outings that sell regularly for 15c are now priced in this sale for ..... **10c** and **12½c**

36 inch Dark OUTINGS 17c — **25c OUTINGS Darks and lights 19c**

Fancy Challies

are reduced from original prices to sell at a special price to clean up, a yard **15c**

Extra Special Fancy Bed Spreads

This is a special purchase for this event. These seamless spreads sell up to $2.75.

Our Sale price ..... **$1.98** Size 80x105 Inches

January Price Reductions Big Savings

English Prints, fancy patterns ..... **17c** and **19c**

Bleached Sheeting, 9-4 width **36c**

Bleached Muslins, fine quality **12½c**

Everett Cheviots, plain and fancies **17c**

Kingwood Prints, best quality **25c**

Plain Scrims, odd lots **10c**

50c colored Nets, priced at **29c**

Single Blankets, fancy **$1.00**

Child's Coats, values up to $4.98 ..... **$2.98**

Child's Dresses, $1.48 values **$1.00**

Special Sale of Silk Frocks

Values underpriced. Included are the smartest modes of the season,

$8.90 **$9.90** **$13.50**

High Grade Silks and Woolens

All at important reductions.

SILK CHARMEUSE In black and navy, 40 inches wide, priced at **$1.49**

FILE SILKS Fancy Jacquard patterns, black and colors **$1.79**

Satin De Chines 98c — **Crepe De Chines $1.69**

Radium Silks $1.48 — **Canton Crepes $1.98**

Dress Fabrics for children's Dresses, priced special at **98c**

Extra Special, Ginghams

32 inches, the kind that sells for 25c, 39c and 49c, grouped in one big lot to clean up—

All good patterns. **19c** Standard quality ginghams

SEAMLESS SHEETS 81x90 **$1.00**

PILLOW CASES 36x42 **25c**

All Wool Dress Goods

New patterns, regular $1.50 value, priced now **98c**

Fancy Rayon Wash Fabrics

Inb oth small figure and stripe patterns. Sold regular up to 98c, priced for final clean-up at **59c**

Knit Gloves and Wool Hosiery

In the Clearance at Notable Concessions.

Women's Silk and Wool Hose **98c**

Women's all Wool Hose **79c**

Men's and women's Wool Hose **49c**

Men's heavy Cotton Sox **19c**

Fancy knit Gauntlet Gloves **98c**

Women's fancy Brush Wool **79c**

Knit Gloves and Mittens **49c**

Children's Knit Caps, priced at **49c**

Men!

See these blue and gray work Shirts, priced special during this Clearance **59c**

Underwear

Men's, women's and children's all included at big saving.

Men's fleeced Union Suits **$1.25**

GIRLS UNIONS Sizes 2 to 8 **79c to 98c**

Men's fleeced Union Suits **$1.00**

Boys' Flat fleece UNION SUITS 79c to 98c

Men's $1.89 Union Suits **$1.48**

Child's Sleeper all sizes at **88c**

Boys' Gray Random UNIONS Sizes 24 to 34 **89c & 98c**

Here You Will Find Sweaters

All included at Big Savings.

Boys' $1.98 Coat Sweaters **$1.48**

Child's $1.98 Fancy Sweaters **$1.48**

Boys' $1.25 Sweaters **98c**

Boys' $1.98 Windbreakers **$1.48**

Men's Flannel Shirts

Of heavy flannel in new plaid patterns that sold regular for $2.00, priced this January Sale at **$1.79**

Don't miss this opportunity to supply you Winter needs from these price reductions

MONTGOMERY SHOE CO.
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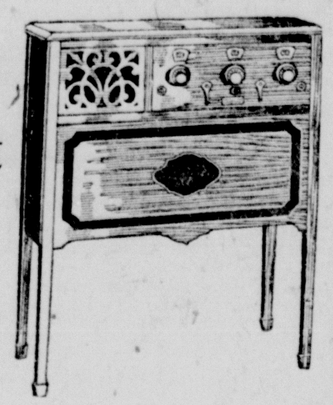

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Also a two reel comedy, "IT'S A PIPE."

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Special prices
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Saturday Matinee only.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, JAN. 3 and 4—Alma Rubens in "MARRIAGE LICENSE."

From the Stage Triumph "The Pelican" by F. Tennyson Jesse and H. M. Harwood.

Ed L. Andrews Likes Home in California

Garden Produce, Fruit and Roses On Christmas Day Make Hit With Former Maryville Resident.

Ed L. Andrews, a resident of Maryville for a number of years, now residing at El Monte, Cal., writes as follows to the Democrat-Forum:

"We have just been over to Los Angeles for two days, eating turkey with the boys, Charles and Leland. They have been in the automobile business for the past seven years at 1028 South Figaneroa street. Roy is still on a farm near Mound City, Mo. Fannie lives in Danville, Ill., and Mary Louise, our youngest daughter, is married and lives in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"I came down here July 1, 1925, driving from Ogden, Utah, via Portland, and down the coast route, which was a wonderful trip. After looking Southern California over for a year, we decided on our present location for an ideal place to live, 1801 Glendonway Rosewood, eleven miles east of Los Angeles, on the Valley Boulevard, in San Gabriel Valley, in the English walnut, orange, lemon and grape district. We have all the conveniences of the city and still have a little room.

"I have 300 chickens and our garden, from which we are using now, radishes, lettuce, onions, beets, carrots, turnips, peas and spinach. Our fruit consists of three varieties of pears, three of apples, three of peaches, apricots, figs, loquots, lemons and grapes. Anytime we want to use lemons now we just go out and pick some. We have many kinds of flowers and roses and cut a 'large bouquet of roses, Christmas day, and our radio gives us the latest news before we get our morning daily.

"By the way, the Los Angeles Times on the 28th inst., issued the finest and largest paper ever published in the United States. If it did not cost so much I would mail a copy to all my Missouri friends. It costs 25 cents each.

"There seems to be about as many Maryville people out here as there was in Maryville when I lived there. I often see Wes Bales, Ted Lomax, Redfield, Frost, Ray, Otis', Colden, Douglas, Bishoff, Embree and many others."

Lemuel L. Watkins, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel L. Watkins, living east of Maryville, announce the birth of a son yesterday. The baby has been named Lemuel L., jr.

Locals News

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand of Savannah drove to Maryville last night to spend today with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sawyers.

Miss Opal Hantze returned yesterday from a short visit in Bedford, Ia., with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Young and daughter. Mrs. Young was formerly Miss Hazel Frede of Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry of Springfield, S. Dak., will leave tomorrow morning for their home after a holiday visit with Mrs. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hantze, and other relatives.

Ira Kelley left Wednesday on a two weeks' business trip to Edmond, Okla.

C. B. DuBois, Grant City attorney, was in Maryville yesterday on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Bickett of Burlington Junction were Maryville visitors yesterday.

Miss Marian Morgan of Omaha is the week-end guest of Miss Laura Margaret Raines.

Mrs. Estella Brash of Wichita Falls, Texas, will leave tomorrow after a holiday visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Ellis, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lippman.

Mrs. Kathleen Dalrymple of Kansas City will be the guest of Mrs. Ed Godsey over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLean of Guilford had as their holiday guests their daughters, Miss Edith McLean of Chicago, Mrs. Ulmont Kendree, and family, of Trenton, and Miss Lillian McLean of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleav Funk and sons, Billy and Ellison, of Omaha returned home this morning after a holiday visit at the home of Mrs. Funk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Sturm.

Mrs. Emma DeMoss and daughter, Elizabeth, returned last night from Guilford where they had been visiting relatives since Christmas morning.

Miss Bertha Ritze will leave tomorrow for Minneapolis after a two weeks' vacation visit with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Ritze. She will be accompanied by Miss Edith Raines, who has been spending the holidays with her brother, H. L. Raines, and family.

Miss Mae Corwin went to Kansas City this morning to be the guest of Miss Madge Boyd for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bellows and baby son, Donald, jr., will leave Monday for their home in Minneapolis, after a holiday visit with Mrs. Bellows' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Randall.

Forrest Martin left this afternoon to resume his studies at Harvard University after a holiday visit at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vilas Martin.

Miss Ruth Finney of Cainsville came last night for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles Wood. She will leave tomorrow morning to resume her work in the Westboro schools after a holiday visit at home.

Guest at Musgrave Home.

Mrs. Gilman J. Turner of Panora, Ia., mother of Mrs. R. E. Musgrave, will arrive tonight for a few days' visit at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Musgrave on West First street.

Sturms to Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Sturm left yesterday morning for Oklahoma City, Okla., where they will spend two weeks with their son, C. E. Sturm, and family, and other relatives. They spent yesterday in St. Joseph with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Walsh, and en route home will visit another daughter, Mrs. Frank Flynn, and family in Kansas City.

Is Patient at Hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Edson of Independence, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Gates, at Ravenwood, is a patient at the St. Francis Hospital, where she is receiving treatment.

To Conduct Revival.

The Rev. R. E. Snodgrass, who has been spending the holidays here with his family, will leave this afternoon for Coldwater, Mich., where he will conduct a revival meeting.

This and That

A man shopping at the Phares Hardware Company during the holidays accosted Kyle Phares:

"I don't know you, Kyle, but I know your father, Bill, who used to be in the lumber yard." And of course now Kyle is kidding his brother, Bill, quite a bit, since Brother Bill is only two years older than Kyle.

"Anuff Grief"

IN SOCIETY

For Kansas Visitor.

Four generations were represented at a dinner given yesterday noon by Mrs. Anna Stauble at her home on North Prairie street in honor of Mrs. John Van Buren of Winfield, Kan. Mrs. James Craven was the central figure and others were her daughter, Mrs. Van Buren, Mrs. John Gates, her granddaughter, and Mary Gates, her greatgranddaughter. Others entertained were Mrs. Edmund Harvey and daughter, Lois, Mrs. Vilas McClurg and son, Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. Will Saunders and Miss DeLora McClurg. Afternoon guests were Mrs. Emma Heflin and Mrs. W. R. Wells. Mrs. Van Buren will leave Sunday morning for her home and will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Craven, for a two months' visit.

C. C. Club.

Members of the C. C. Club of the Swallow district held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Linthicum. After the business session several contests were enjoyed. Assisted by her daughter, Audrey, the hostess served refreshments. The membrs present were Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. Anna Fox, Mrs. J. D. Mutz, Mrs. Otis Lyle, Mrs. Edison Blagg, Mrs. Charles Shamberger, Mrs. Sherman Heflin, Mrs. Alva Heflin, Mrs. Lizzie Snowberger, Mrs. Arthur Snowberger, Miss Chloe Riggle and Miss Minnie Fox. Other guests were Mrs. Humphrey Lyle, Misses Elizabeth Shamberger, Delberta Mutz, Frances Shamberger and Mary Louise Lyle. Mrs. Sherman Heflin will entertain the club Jan. 13 when roll call will be answered by current events.

Liberty Valley Club.

The Liberty Valley Homemakers Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ed Lowrance, who is leaving the community soon. A comfort was tacked and bound for the hostess. The business meeting opened with singing of "More About Jesus," and New Year's resolutions formed the roll call responses. Mrs. Belle Lowrance, Mrs. Chloma Smock, Miss Mary Hughes and Mrs. Letha Crockett drew tea towels from the birthday box. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lillie Winger; vice-president, Miss Hattie Linville; secretary, Mrs. Chloma Smock; treasurer, Miss Mabel Hughes; and program chairman, Mrs. Lura Twaddle. Refreshments included peaches and cake. The next meeting will be held at the community house Jan. 12. Those present, besides the newly elected officers and members receiving birthday gifts, were: Mrs. Sylvia Argo, Mrs. Dora Linville, Mrs. Zerilda Lowrance, Mrs. Katherine Shull, Mrs. Lula Shull, Mrs. Ellen Lowrance, Miss Maggie Lowrance, Miss Ruey Lowrance, Miss Opal Winger, Minnie, Irene, Clara Louise Crockett, Iola Argo, Eva and Doris Smock, and Leora and Virginia McGinness.

Erwin-Carter Weding.

The marriage of Jack Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, who resides near Skidmore, and Miss Josephine Erwin took place at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Erwin of Fairfax. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harry J. Findley of Shenandoah, Ia. Mr. Carter was graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia last year and is now a student at the School of Medicine of Northwestern University. Mr. and Mrs. Carter will make their home in Chicago.

Lyle Community Club.

The Lyle Community Club met at the home of Mrs. Raymond Geyer Wednesday afternoon. New members were initiated, and a stunt program was given by club members. The hostess served refreshments of pimento cheese sandwiches, cake and punch. Plans were made for a club party Friday night, Jan. 7. The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wachtel, where a short program will be given. The members present were Mrs. Bernice McNeal, Mrs. Irene Mowry, Mrs. Frazier Noblet and son, Mrs. Ed Goodpasture, Mrs. Sam Lyle, Mrs. Thorn Acklin, Mrs. Hugh Lyle, Mrs. Clyde Goodpasture, Mrs. Glenn Acklin and the hostess. Guests of the club were Mrs. Elwood Miller of St. Joseph and Miss Violet Pixler of Maryville.

Elect New Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Rockford Community Club was held yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Claude Moore. The new officers are: President, Mrs. Alfred Jones; vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Bainum; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Smith; and reporter, Mrs. Claude Moore. The members prepared a schedule of work in connection with the extension department. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Roger Miller of Kipp, Kan., and Mrs. Darrell Hart of Winfield, Kan., holiday guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wells.

Christmas Dinners.

A reunion of the Gaddy family was held Christmas day at the home of Misses Lura and Florence Gaddy. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock cafeteria style. After dinner Santa Claus distributed gifts from the Christmas tree. The rooms were decorated in the Christmas colors. Music was furnished by Miss Lola Acklin and Miss Lela Weisser. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Acklin, Mr. and Mrs. John Lowrance, Mrs. Dora Linville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Lowrance and sons, Junior and Bobbie, of Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wright and daughter, Phyllis Ruth, of Haigler, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowrance and son, Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smock and daughters, Eva and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGinness and daughters, Virginia and Leora, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Acklin and sons, Paul and Kenneth, Louise Lowrance, Lola Acklin, Eula Acklin, Mrs. Jane McGinness, Miss Hariett Wright, Miss Lela Weisser, Miss Lura Gaddy, Miss Florence Gaddy, Miss Hattie Linville, Leland Linville, Harvey Linville, Dale Acklin, Darwin Acklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowrance and son, Charles Edward.

On Christmas morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Maurer of Sunny Brook Farm, there was a Christmas tree celebration and exchange of gifts for members of the family. The branches of the tree were hung with colorful ornaments and the gifts were distributed by the granddaughters of the house, Minnie Mae Kiser and Dorothy Margaret Craig. Later a goose and duck dinner was served. In the family group were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maurer, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kiser and children, Minnie Mae and George Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. June Craig and children, Dorothy Margaret and Raymond Walton and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bellows and daughters, Helen Marie and Marjorie, who have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Bellows' father, J. R. Brink, and her sister, Mrs. R. P. Hosmer, and family, will leave tomorrow for their home at Glencoe, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulie Craig and daughter, Roberta, and Mrs. Mary Galbreath of Bolckow and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Coler of Rosendale were guests yesterday at the home of Mrs. Galbreath's daughter, Mrs. George Moore, and family.

AUNT HET

"If a woman is settin' up with toothache or asthma, I think it's all right to make fuss enough to wake up her husband an' get a little sympathy."

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Planes Hop Off From Vera Cruz

Vera Cruz, Dec. 31.—The five planes of the United States Pan-American flight took off today at 10:10 a. m. for Minatitlan. Weather conditions were perfect.

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What Nodaway County Churches Are Doing

Christian Dogma and Christian Living

Comment on the Uniform International Sunday School Lesson for January 2, 1927. Read John 2. 6.

Wm. Southern, Jr.

"If that man is not a Christian I neve saw one."

A group of young men were standing in a store when a well known citizen of the town passed. I do not know what they had been talking about, but one of them made the remark quoted. I do know that the young men were not on the church rolls and that none of them had made a study of Christianity. One of them passed this verdict on the man on the street and the others agreed.

It was a comment which led to thought. What was it about the man that brought the remark? I happened to know. The passerby was a man who lived his Christianity. That he was a successful business man and had plenty of money did not count. Every man in the group knew that he was an upright, honest, liberal, conscientious man. They knew that he would not do a dishonorable thing for any amount of money. They remarked that his word was as good as his bond. To them it was unimportant whether he was a church member or not, as a matter of fact he was, but a dozen church members that day passed this same group and none elicited a similar remark.

A man does not carry about with him Christian passports, written out on engraved paper, containing his photograph and certified by a government official, declaring that the bearer is a Christian and entitled to fair consideration as such. One reason is that such a passport would not be good at a bank, the money changing world does not care a rap whether you are a Christian or not if your signature is good. No official has a right to issue such a passport. It is only in the heart and in the life of the man himself that such a passport is found.

One of the reasons our church pews are not filled at every service is because the present generation is thinking straighter than the generations which we older men knew and the generations before us. They are not satisfied with paper passports, church certificates, illuminated Sunday School cards, certified church memberships and large professions. They are looking into the heart of things. They want results and shy at professions. They measure us and one another by the way we live and the way we treat others. Christian dogma means nothing to them, Christian living means everything.

A generation ago young women wore long hair built up with a rat, they wore pads in scant places; bustles are within the memory of many not very old, they wore long skirts and frilled and hand worked underskirts and they wore corsets. The girls of today wear about three articles of apparel and can dress for a party as quickly as a man. They wear nothing for the purpose of camouflage, hide nothing and have nothing to hide. They are themselves to all men and enjoy freedom and naturalness.

It used to be that the Christian had been through many forms of ceremony, had followed ritualistic procedure after an apprenticeship, had conformed to usages prescribed by the churches all before they could be enrolled and called Christians. The young people have rebelled in this just as they have in the wearing of clothing. They want to see the wheels go round and know what makes the Christian tick.

We are fond of tracing our Christianity back to Jesus and our lesson text tells how he made the first Christians and what he required of them. He was walking along one day and saw two men out fishing. He called them to him and said "Follow me." We do not have to think they were strangers, on the contrary we have a right to believe that they knew who he was and what he claimed to be. They had no doubt talked the matter over amongst themselves and discussed the son of the carpenter Joseph. It is not impossible that they had talked the whole thing over with him and had the question under advisement. Their deciding time came and they left their nets and followed Him.

These men became a part of the group of twelve men closest to Our Lord. They lived with Him, they ate with him, they slept near Him. They listened to Him teach and never did they hear a doctrinal sermon. They were taught to be Christians from the fields of grain, from the lilies of the valley, from the lives of the men about them. They were taught to despise sham and pretense men who wore long faces, claimed especial piety and robbed and oppressed the people. They were taught direct action and to translate their Christianity into their lives. They watched their leader and never in the years of association with Him, even to the cross on which He died, did they find in him any contradiction between his profession and his life. Jesus lived his Christianity.

Even the name Christian was not given them until many years afterward at Antioch. As far as we know Jesus never baptised them.

I have a very dear friend who is now approaching his three score and ten and is not a church member. He was reared in a Christian family and a Christian community. He is a good man but he has never joined a church. He says that he can not believe some of the doctrines which he thinks he would have to subscribe to if he became a church member. He does not know it but belief in these peculiar doctrines to which he objects is not required of him. He is only asked one question: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and wish to follow Him? It is the same question Jesus asked. He put it in two words "Follow me." That was all the creed they had.

There is a controversy now going on in one of our great denominations. A part among the leaders advocate an open membership, meaning that any person from another denomination who desires to unite with this church may do so, regardless of his method of baptism. This again brings to mind the illustration of the woman's clothing. We are demanding freedom and common sense.

The place to find out about Christianity and what it really means is the Bible. The place to find out what Jesus meant, what he wanted of men and women, what Christians really are, is in The Book, not in man-made dogmas and man-made interpretations.

Sunday Schools are comparatively modern. They open the way to a study of the Bible at a time when the mind is most impressionable. We have used the Sunday School badly. The vital things needed to be taught demand wise teachers, students who think straight and reach correct conclusions. What we learn in the Sunday school when we are children is never forgotten. If it is not correct, if it is taught from a wrong viewpoint, if we teach things which nobody can understand we lose the children when they grow up.

When we attempt to teach repentance, regeneration and a second birth we are likely to fall down and to fail to get the meaning across. Perhaps we do not know what we mean ourselves, certainly the children do not. If you want to join the Christian band, if you want to live the kind of life Jesus led and taught by his living, you have already repented, are being regenerated and born again.

THE CHRISTIAN A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

Lesson Text.—Mark 1: 16-20; 2:13-17 1 John 2: 6.

Mark 1: 16. And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers.

17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18. And straightway they left the nets, and followed him.

19. And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets.

20. And straightway he called them and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

2:13. And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him and he taught them.

14. And as he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15. And it came to pass, that he was sitting at meat in his house, and many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and publicans, said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17. And when Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous but sinners.

1 John 2: 6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

Golden Text.—He saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.—Mark 2:14.

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"Some Thoughts of Home," by Mitchell

Pastor of M. E. Church, South, Will Talk On "Obligations and Privileges," Sunday Morning.

"Obligations and Privileges" is the subject which the Rev. R. A. Mitchell will present at the morning worship at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Sunday morning. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered to the congregation.

Sunday School will be held at 9:40 o'clock and morning worship at 10:45 o'clock. The Reverend Mitchell will talk on "The Christ We Trust," at the college Bible class Sunday morning.

At the gospel service at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night the minister will talk on "Some Thoughts of Home."

Dewar Will Present Series of Sermons

"Life and Teaching of Jesus," Will Be Subject of Sunday Night Studies.

The Rev. W. N. Dewar, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will begin his series of sermons and studies for 1927 on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," at the service at the church at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday night. The subject of the study will be "The Historical Background of the Life of Jesus." The Reverend Mr. Dewar advises the members to read the gospel of Mark.

Sunday School will be held as usual at 9:30 o'clock. Morning worship will be at 10:45 o'clock and the New Year sermon will be "The Will To Success." The text, "I Press on." Special music will be offered. Christian Endeavor will be held at 6:30 o'clock with Bruce Rogers as the leader. The topic will be "Confessing Christ."

The mid-week service will be resumed the first Wednesday in February. On request the minister will begin a series of lectures on "The World's Great Religions."

All services are open to the public. Strangers are cordially invited.

CHRISTIANS IN ANNUAL MEET

BUSINESS SESSION WILL BE HELD FROM 2 TO 3:30 O'CLOCK.

A NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Basket Dinner To Be Held Followed By Social Hour; Pastor Will Give Timely Sermons.

The First Christian Church will hold its annual meeting Sunday, when election of officers and annual reports will be given. While the basket dinner is not stressed this year, one will be held following the morning service and a social hour will follow the dinner. The afternoon business session will open at 2 o'clock and will close by 3:30 o'clock. Members are urged to attend the afternoon session whether or not they can attend the dinner.

The New Year's party, at the church tonight, although it is one of the numbers of the Christian Bible School Lecture Course, is free. A special program has been arranged.

The Men's Bible Class of the church will meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The subject of the morning service will be "Confessing Failure." At the evening service, which will be held at 7:30 o'clock, the Reverend Mr. Musgrave will talk on "The Romance Of Faith." Both are New Year's sermons.

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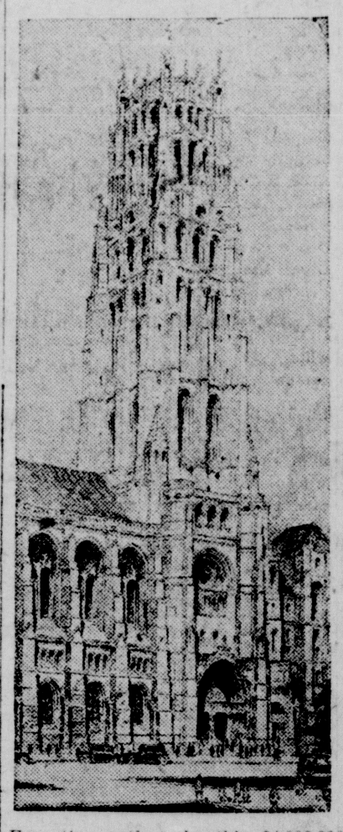

Excepting cathedrals, this $4,000,000 church, which is to be built in New York for Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, will be the largest edifice of its kind in the United States. Its spire, housing the famous Rockefeller carillon now in the Park Avenue Baptist church, will tower 375 feet above the ground. In its pews, 2400 worshipers may find seats.

Regular Services at Baptist Church

The following services at the First Baptist Church will be held Sunday:

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.

Dr. C. C. James Will Be Home Tonight

Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist Church, is expected to return tonight from Chicago, where he has been attending a meeting of the deans of the summer schools of theology of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services at the First Methodist Church Sunday will be conducted as follows:

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a .m.
Junior and Intermediate League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.

EVERYBODY'S RELIGION.

American churches are engaging in a religious referendum. They want to know what the American people think of religion and the Bible and the church, and submit this comprehensive list of questions:

"Do you believe in God?

"Do you believe in immortality?

"Do you believe in prayer as a means of personal relationship with God?

Do you believe that Jesus was divine as no other man was divine?

"Do you regard the Bible as inspired in a sense that no other literature could be said to be inspired?

"Are you an active member of any church?

"Do you regularly attend any religious services?

"Would you be willing to have your family grow up in a community in which there is no church?

"Do you regularly have 'family worship' in your home?

"Were you brought up in a religious home?

"Do you send your children to any school of religious instruction?

"Do you think religion in some form is a necessary element of life for the individual and the community?"

Some of the questions are easy enough to answer. Most of us, no doubt, believe in God and immortality. But what kind of God and what kind of immortality? These conceptions have changed greatly.

There is more difference of opinion regarding the divinity of Jesus and the inspiration of the Scriptures. And many who signify their belief in these tenets of faith will not mean the same thing at all. "Divinity" and "inpsiration" are often qualified nowadays and need definition.

Two questions are much simpler and of more personal appeal. What citizen, however careless he may be himself about the religious side of his life, wants to live in a churchless community? And what thoughtful person believes that "religion in some form, is not a necessary element in the life of an individual or a community?

Rivals for College Quint Title to Meet

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—It is seldom that a single basketball game can have a very weighty bearing so early in the season, but when Syracuse and Wisconsin meet here next Monday night, the eyes of the cage game followers will await the outcome of the contest.

These two teams are the strongest contenders for the national intercollegiate honors and the game will assume virtually championship proportions.

Dominant always in the Big Ten, Wisconsin has a mighty team. Proof of this lies in the fact that the Badgers have won or tied nine Big Ten titles, a record no other member of the Western conference can approach.

Syracuse next Monday will show virtually the same super by array of talent that carried the Orange to highest cage honors in the East last season.

Interesting Services at the Churches of the County

PICKERING.

Christian Church.

Next Sunday is our annual business meeting and election of officers. The regular Bible School and preaching services will be held in the morning with a basket dinner at noon. At 2 p. m., the election of church and Sunday school officers will take place with reports from all departments. Come, bring your dinner and enjoy the day. There will be no night service.

Bedison Church.

Rev. T. M. Walton of Pickering will preach at Bedison Sunday night, Jan. 2, at 7:30. The usual Sunday school Sunday morning. Come and have a good attendance at both services.

ELMO.

M. E. Church, South.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday in 1927, the new year. We hope for a good beginning of the year 1927. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. At 11 a. m., preaching at North Grove, subject, "Time and Eternity." At 7:30 p. m., Elmo, subject, "Some Steps Necessary to be a Christian."

A revival meeting will be held commencing Monday evening, Jan. 10. The Rev. Dohn of St. Joseph will assist.

T. M. Taylor, Pastor.

BURLINGTON JUNCTION.

Methodist Church.

There will be regular services next Sunday, with a very important announcement.

J. Howard Thompson, Pastor.

Christian Church.

Let us make Sunday a big day. The theme of the Sunday morning sermon is "The Gospel of Luke."

A. L. Ragsdale, pastor.

CLEARMONT

Christian Church.

Sunday school and communion services Sunday morning, also church services Sunday night. The Sunday night theme will be "Giving God a Chance in Clearmont in 1927."

M. I. Rose, Pastor.

Baptist Church.

When we think how graciously a kind Providence is blessing us, we are tempted to ask as did one of old, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" The Bi-Monthly Workers Conference at Hopkins, Jan. 13.

W. W. Laughlin, Pastor.

M. E. Church.

May the New Year bring to all great blessings in temporal and spiritual things. And may we with renewed devotion give ourselves to Christ and His Church.

Wm. Pittker, Pastor.

First Church of Christ Scientist.

Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, on South Main street, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock:

Subject of lesson sermon: "God."

Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock.

Reading rooms in church building open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to these services and to visit the reading rooms.

BARNARD

Methodist Church.

Regular services Sunday. Morning subject "The Home." Evening subject "Identities."

J. B. Walrafen, Pastor.

Christian Church.

This is the season of the year when New Year Resolutions are in order. Let us all make one resolution—"I resolve to be in Sunday School and church whenever possible for me to be, and that I will do all within my power for the advancement of Christian religion."

We should make our report for the coming year a little better. It was better in 1926. We can make it better for 1927. Will you help?

C. E. Hagee, Pastor.

HOPKINS.

Methodist Church.

At 11 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock the pastor will bring messages appropriate to the season of the year. Wednesday, Jan. 5, the annual election of officers will take place.

Christian Church.

Regular services Sunday. In the evening we will show pictures of Africa.

B. W. Harman, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PICKERING CHARGE

Pickering

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Lessons of the Old Year."

Young Peoples Meeting, 6:30 p. m. All the young people of the community are cordially invited.

Song service and sermon, 7:30 p. m. "Resolutions for the New Year," is the subject of the evening sermon.

Myrtle Tree

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Mozingo Valley

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Good Hope

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching, 2 p. m. New Year Sermon.

Sunday will be a good time to begin the New Year by attending Sunday school and Church and then to make a firm resolve to keep up the program every Sunday.

The writer extends his sincere wishes to the readers of these notes for a Very Happy and Useful New Year.

H. A. DOUGHTY, Minister.

RAVENWOOD.

Christian Church.

Let's all help make the year 1927 one of the best years in the history of the church. Special music Sunday at 9:55 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. Morning subject "Facing the Future." Evening subject, "Master Motives in Christianity." The every member canvass will be made by the board Sunday afternoon.

Methodist Church.

Start the New Year right by attending church the first Sunday of the New Year. Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Rev. Robin Gould, presiding elder, will preach at the evening service and hold second quarterly conference.

S. M. Bean, Pastor.

DRAMATIC EVENTS IN BIBLE HISTORY : : By Harlowe R. Hoyt and Walter Scott

The Calling of Matthew.

When Herod Antipas ruled over Galilee, Levi, son of Alphaeus, was a publican, collecting taxes at his little toll house in Capernaum, where the crossroads stretched to Jerusalem and Sepphoris, Tyre and Damascus.
With Peter and Andrew, James and John, fishers of Galilee, Jesus preached His teachings along the seashore of Capernaum. For Capernaum was a town of fisherfolk and he taught them while they mended nets or labored at their boats.
Because they extorted taxes for the Romans, the publicans were hated by the Jews. And Levi, being a Jew, was doubly hated. Yet Christ, passing by said: "Follow me." And Levi rose and followed.
Following his conversion, Levi took the name Matthew, which means the gift of God." As Matthew he was known as one of the twelve apostles and the writer of the first of the four gospels.

The Web of Fear

By John Goodwin

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR.

Through a plot engineered by James Mulholland and five aides, Ames, Chester, Quantrill, Fenne and Vereker, Robert Masterton, accused of selling government secrets, is sentenced to 12 years hard labor in Atlanta prison. His Millionaire grandfather is the only one who believes him innocent. A beautiful and wealthy young woman, Cynthia Knowles, is greatly affected by the verdict. The plotters think they are perfectly safe with Masterton behind the bars. Sinclair Vereker is arrested and his friends wonder if he will give them away.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER 4.

Cynthia Knowles.

Cynthia Knowles sat in her peacock-blue drawing-room on East 71st Street, gazing into the fire, her chin cupped in her hands. She would not have believed it possible a month earlier, that she should ever feel so lonely and unhappy as she did now.

Yet she had innumerable friends and no enemies—at least no more enemies than a woman quite young, undoubtedly charming, and wealthy in her own right might be expected to have.

To look at her one would have thought she had character enough to stand up to the blows of fate. But there are some situations very difficult for a girl. Until now she had thought she could face any problem of life that might confront her; she was twenty-three, and for two years had been sole mistress of herself, her wealth, and her destiny.

Attractive — intellectual—beautiful? She was all three, and she had courage besides. Moreover she was loyal to her friends, and could even forgive a good deal of disloyalty in return—a rarer quality. And now though having always believed that she could depend upon herself, she felt a piteous sense of loss that there should be no one to whom she could turn for sympathy and help.

Over the mantel hung a portrait, by a great painter, of her father; a distinguished soldier, with a famous record of service. He was looking down at Cynthia with that kindly, human expression in his eyes that was yet without any trace of weakness and had marked him among the leaders of men.

He had adored his daughter. But he was unable to help Cynthia, for he was dead.

Apart from her father, two men only, of all those whom she knew, had made any deep impression upon Cynthia or moved her heart to beat faster. In one case the influence had been slow and uncertain, but skilfully fostered by the man who exercised it, and growing always in strength. In the other it had been swift, wonderful and passionate, irresistible as the tide.

The first was James Mulholland. He was many years her senior, but a man of the world, fascinating and intellectual; a man whose attentions were a compliment even to the most fastidious woman—and Cynthia was a girl of generous impulses. He was not romantic, perhaps, though he believed himself to be so—but still he had charm. And he was so big and safe and dependable.

It had become natural for her to turn to him in a difficulty. His experience was far wider than hers. He would give her aid and advice, and under his deft hand the trouble was invariably smoothed away.

She had a deep admiration for him, and confidence in him. James Mulholland was a man whose life's work was the instilling of confidence. After six months friendship she liked him better than any man she had ever known.

Instinct told her that soon she would have to choose between friendship and a stronger bond. And Cynthia never coquetted with him; she was too honest for that. Nor did she believe that she wished to surrender her freedom to any man. She liked and admired him enormously, and he attracted her. Was that enough?

At last, she knew that it was not in itself enough. For into her life, like a sun-ray through the clouds, came Robert Masterton, and life itself became golden and wonderful, till the day came when he told her that he loved her.

She had never known love before; she knew that she could never love again. For on the very eve of the announcement of her happiness to the world, came the crash that turned all the glory into tragedy and dishonor.

The crime charged and proved against Robert was one that her father's daughter, of all women living, could not condone or forgive. And she believed that her heart was dead, as many a woman has believed it before her. Robert Masterton was a shadow that had passed. But there remained with her a torment of self-accusation.

So, Cynthia sat alone, in the gloom before the dying fire. She raised her head slowly, as the door opened, and a demure maid appeared.

"Mr. James Mulholland, madam?" said the maid with a slight note of inquiry.

Cynthia hesitated.

"Yes," she said, "I will see him."

It was necessary that she should see Jim Mulholland, in fact it was vital. The question which kept her mind on the rack, she could put it to him and to no one else. And already her burden seemed lighter, it was natural that he could come to her, for he could help her.

Had the soldier over the mantelpiece been alive, perhaps Mulholland who had the entry of so many houses would not have had the freedom of that one. For the late General was a fine judge of men.

Mulholland's manner was perfect as he greeted Cynthia. He looked so large and strong, and safe; he might have been a helpful elder brother. His eyes rested for a moment on her face; it was white, and there were dark shadows under her eyes.

"You are in trouble, Cynthia," he said quietly, and seated himself in the chair next hers. "Tell me all about it and let me help you."

Cynthia turned her head away and looked into the glowing coals.

"Robert Masterton is convicted," she said, "they have given him—twelve years."

Mulholland sighed.

"That is true . . . poor Masterton. But it's been inevitable. For weeks past we all knew there could be no other ending to it. Are you still distressed about it, Cynthia?"

"No one knows but you, how dreadful it is to me," she said, keeping her voice steady with an effort. "Robert was with me just before the time when it is said he sold those papers and things to the man—what was his name—Vascieff. The two times—almost overlapped. I might have given evidence of that, and I didn't!"

She turned suddenly, and looked into Mulholland's face.

"I kept back that fact . . . and how do I know that it wouldn't have served for an alibi, as they call it, and helped in the defence?"

Her voice was trembling now, and her fingers locked together restlessly.

"My dear Cynthia," said Mulholland gently, "you asked me that question, if you remember, before the trial; you explained everything to me and asked my advice. I did the only thing possible. I told you the truth—that the testimony you could give didn't really amount to an alibi and your connection with Masterton wouldn't have helped him, but rather the contrary. That evidence was far best cut out. All it could have done was to place you in the witness-box and drag your name through the mire of a public scandal, to no good end—"

"I had no right to consider that!"

"Let me finish," said Mulholland. "I found that Masterton himself had no intention of letting you be called as a witness. He had that much consideration for you, and I honor him for it.

"Remember, there was good as well as bad in Masterton. Had you been determined to bring the evidence forward, as I told you, I would have helped you do it. But you decided to keep silence. And Cynthia, your decision was absolutely and entirely right."

There was conviction in the quiet ring of his voice.

"I feel such a coward about it!" she said brokenly. "From the first when the case was starting, I believed Robert guilty . . . the whole evidence seemed overwhelming against him. And I could not help seeing that though I had nothing to do with it, my intimacy with him would not look innocent, if I were placed in the witness-box. The shadow of that case would be over me, all my life. And his offense was so terrible . . . . the one unforgivable thing; treachery to his country.

"And yet—ought I not to have come forward, and can I ever forget that I failed to ?"

Mulholland's firm hand closed sympathetically on hers.

"Now listen, Cynthia," he said gently, "let me clear your doubts away once and for all, and I need never speak of this again. We know now without any loophole for doubt, that Masterton was—guilty. He himself has virtually confessed it.

"Now let us suppose for a moment what is impossible—that this worthless evidence of yours had been brought forward, and perhaps so clouded the minds of the jury, that in the face of all proofs they had acquitted him? What good would you have done?

"You would only have helped defeat justice and secured the release of a guilty man. Such things have happened; yet all the world would still have known him guilty, though he walked out a free man. And some of the mud would have stuck to you, and rightly—all your life.

"When a man commits such a crime as Masterton, the country requires the penalty should be paid."

For awhile Cynthia sat silent. Mulholland watched her face.

"Poor Masterton!" he said softly. She turned to him, as if surprised.

"You pity him?" she asked.

"Pity him? Of course I do. He was my friend," said Mulholland. "Do not you, Cynthia?"

The girl's lips tightened, and her eyes hardened.

"No!" she said quietly. "The thing he did was too terrible; too shameful and squalid for forgiveness. I—I have been very wretched, but my doubt was that I'd left undone in the cause of justice, something that it was my duty to do. I did not feel pity, for I think that pity is dead in me."

"I had thought that you felt very differently about Masterton," he said under his breath. Cynthia heard him, her emotion was almost beyond her control, and he watched her anxiously. Suddenly she turned to him.

"Jim!" she said, "I am going to be frank with you. I have never loved any man in my life but Robert Masterton. There is nothing I would not have done for him. There were obstacles between us—but before this thing happened, I had promised to marry him.

"We had not announced it—it was arranged between us. I could have pardoned him anything in the world but this sin that they have brought home to him. When the crash came, my love was killed . . . there was nothing left to me but wretchedness. My life is empty."

There was infinite sympathy in Mulholland's voice as he answered.

"Cynthia, such a life as yours can never be empty," he said. "The trouble is already passing. You are your father's daughter . . . . you have pride and courage, you have let this shadow pass you by, and soon it will be forgotten. There are great things in store for you; there is happiness for us all if we knew where to seek it.

"I am sorry for Masterton because I know the crime he committed, disgraceful though it is, was done because he was in great difficulties and feared to lose you. The crazy and fatal error he made was to think he could reach safety by an act of dishonor. But to love you Cynthia, and to know the fear of losing you, is so terrible a thing that I, who have loved you for years, can understand Robert Masterton's action, and pity him."

Cynthia rose to her feet. For some moments she was too moved to speak. She looked at Mulholland, but somehow the big, commanding figure, so helpful and dependable, seemed all blurred and vague. Her eyes were wet.

"How can you tell me of this—at such a time?" she said at last.

"I was wrong to speak of it," he said humbly, "now or at any time; and yet I had to tell you. If there is no hope for me, tell me so now, and I will pass out of your life, and never see you again. I'll never trouble you any more, Cynthia."

"Jim," she said, "if I though of myself only, I should tell you to go. And yet, who has the right to think for no one but themselves? For me there seems nothing left; I've caused unhappiness enough. But if you, who have been so good to me; on whom I have so often depended in a difficulty, care for me so much as that . . . If you believe that I can make you happy, come to me again a month from now, and I will give you your answer.

"Don't misunderstand me. I have very little to give. I think that love is dead in me. It has been killed, it has died a violent death, and no man will ever waken it. I feel that even life has finished for me too, for what can it be—without the other? But—I can't speak the word that is to part us altogether, Jim. I do not even promise you anything. But if you are content with that, come to me again—and now please will you go?"

Mulholland made no reply in words. He lifted her hands, very humbly, and touched them to his lips, as one who has been promised more than he dared to ask. A moment later he was gone and Cynthia was alone in the fire-lit room.

Twenty minutes later Mulholland passed through the porch of his club. It was not the best of clubs, but it had some standing; many would have been glad to put its name on their cards. He was thinking of Cynthia's $200,000 income as he walked toward the ticker. He glanced at the little wheel as it jotted its letters down with inhuman accuracy. Mulholland felt a renewed interest in financial reports. But this message was not financial.

The Vereker Case.

He stood very still, watching the words spell themselves. The arrest had occurred three weeks ago.

'Sinclair Vereker . . . guilty . . . . three years in Atlanta.'

Mulholland's mood was too uplifted for this to depress him. There was a smile on his lips, and his brows wrinkled.

"The risks of the profession!" he said regretfully.

(To Be Continued).

"You are in trouble, Cynthia," said Mulholland gently, as he seated himself near her.

Pickering

O. G. Null.

Mrs. J. F. VanBuren of Redfield, Kan., arrived here last Saturday for a few day's visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Craven and with other relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Goldie Carmichael, a teacher in the Kansas City schools, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her father, J. C. Carmichael.

Prof. J. N. Geyer and family moved Thursday from the Mary A. Neal property which they have occupied during their residence in Pickering to Maryville where Mr. Geyer will be employed as deputy recorder.

Champ Rice and family are moving this week from the Johnson West farm northwest of Pickering to the farm in Mowery neighborhood known as the L. O. Rickard farm recently vacated by Chas. McClurg and family. The farm vacated by Mr. Rice will be occupied in a few days by Leslie Hanna and family.

Mrs. James Dillinger and son, Billie, of Des Moines, Iowa, came up from Maryville where they are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, parents of the former, on Tuesday and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Lester Ellis, who is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null. The Dillinger family lived in St. Joseph prior to moving to Des Moines and were near neighbors of the Ellis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hanna and Omer Wray spent Thursday in St. Joseph on a business trip.

Mrs. W. E. Johnson and son, Donald, left Tuesday afternoon for Sabetha, Kan., where they will visit relatives for a few days.

Orlo Lincoln and family moved the first of the week to Creston, Iowa, where Mr. Lincoln has a position with the International Harvester Co. Their house in Pickering will be occupied by Byron Hanna and family who are moving into it this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hornbuckle of Kansas City spent Christmas here at the home of Mr. Hornbuckle's brother, Elmer Hornbuckle. They went from here to Gallatin to visit a few days before returning home.

Mrs. A. S. Byerrum went to Montezuma, Iowa, last week to spend Christmas at the home of her sister. She will visit relatives at various places in Iowa before returning home.

Miss Josie Sadler, sales lady for the Pickering Merchantile Co., spent Christmas in St. Joseph at the home of her brother, H. J. Sadler.

Len Epperson of Greeley, Colo., visited the first of the week at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. H. Kemp and Mr. Kemp in Xenia neighborhood. Mr. Epperson formerly lived on the farm now occupied by Ray Proctor and family about 4 miles west of Pickering.

Miss Helen Wamsley, a teacher in the Kansas City schools, who is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wamsley, near Arkoe, accompanied by her brother, Billie, visited Mrs. Lester Ellis Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null. Miss Wamsley and Mrs. Ellis were classmates in the Maryville High School and later in the State Teachers College. This is their first visit together for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null entertained on Christmas day with a roast goose dinner for the following guests: Dr. and Mrs. A. B. McGlothlan, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis and children Dale and Annajean of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Buchanan and daughter, Doris Jane of Osawatomie, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fakes, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones and children Louise and Howard, Mr. Howard Null and daughter Mary Katherine, Dr. McGlothlan, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Buchanan all returned to their homes on Sunday while the other members of their families remained for a longer visit. Mrs. McGlothlan returned to her home on Monday.

Graham

Bert Cooper was in Graham on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Almira Leeper is visiting Will Leeper and family near Barnard this week.

Walter Bussell drove to Mt. Moriah, Wednesday. He was accompanied to Bethany by Iles McNeal.

P. A. Royston and sons, Donald and R. V., drove to St. Joseph Tuesday. They were accompanied by George Royston who was returning to his home in Oklahoma City.

Miss Hazel Waugh returned to her school in Braddyville Wednesday, after having spent a week's vacation with home folks.

Miss Frieda Bennett is visiting relatives in Mound City this week.

Reed Noblet returned to his work Tuesday after spending Christmas with his family.

Dinner guests, at the R. E. Kyle home, Christmas were Mrs. Sperling, Mrs. Fannie Hasty, John and Leona Kyle and Nettie and James Sperling.

Mrs. Calvin Shores of Fillmore underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday at the Sister's Hospital in St. Joseph. Her sister, Mrs. T. R. Noblet is caring for her children while she is away.

Excelsior

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20.

The following people visited school last week: Miss Zoe Keith, little Miss Bertha Lucile Blanchard and Miss Ruth Scott.

Last week was the beginning of the fifth month of school. Berneice Blanchard and Lynn Ringgold are the only ones who have a perfect attendance.

Hazel McKee was absent from school on account of sickness this week.

It is certainly a good thing that Christmas comes but once a year, if it is going to increase the absenses like it has in the past month. Parents it is your duty to see that your children are in school, unless they have a legitimate excuse. Do you realize that we have a compulsory school law here in Nodaway County.

Then—let's make the attendance record in 1927 a perfect one.

BLOOMDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Risser and sons were Christmas dinner guests at Luther Pistole's.

Christmas dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. William Sharr's were Mr. and Mrs. Ike Treese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sharr and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latimer and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sharr and children.

John Hollensbe, jr., who is visiting his cousins the O'Riley children during Christmas vacation has been a visitor at school this week.

Gladys Horn has been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Roy Tuttle and Fred O'Riley are spending this week at Clarinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Conley spent Sunday with Mr. Conley's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conley, and Mrs. Conley, of Barnard.

Miss Mary Pistole is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pistole, east of Pickering. Miss Pistole has a position in St. Joseph.

Miss Florence David, who is attending high school in Maryville is spending her week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George David.

The following young folks were Sunday dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. John Horn's, Miss Margurite Horn, Edwin Jones, Harold Neal, Irvin Horn, and Mr. and Mrs. Loring Horn and daughter, Betty Jean.

BUNKER HILL ITEMS.

Rauch-Cuttrell.

Miss Leta Rauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch, and Fred Cuttrell were united in marriage Friday December 21 at Savannah. The community extend its congratulations and good wishes. A dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch on Sunday in honor of the newlyweds. Many relatives and friends attended.

Troy Bloomfield's listened to a radio program at Jay Thummel's Saturday evening.

The Parnell group broadcasted again at Berry's Wednesday December 29. Several Bunker Hill people went also.

Troy Bloomfield and family visited at Ralph Lewis' in Parnell Sunday.

Mrs. Emery Dixon and children visited from Friday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ectherling.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reavis and children and Mr. Jay Thummel and children spent Christmas at the home of A. A. Thummel.

A large crowd of friends gathered at the George Rauch home to chrivari Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cuttrell. They were were well received and a good time followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Dixon and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rickabaugh of near Sheridan.

Our school had a Christmas tree and program Friday afternoon Dec. 24.

Steer Stampedes Home.

Cordoba, Argentina. — Asencio Quinteros received two broken legs and the surprise of his life here recently when a steer came crashing into his dining-room and trampled him. A herd that was being led to the railway station became frightened and stampeded, one of the animals running into the open doorway of a house.

Read the Want Ads.

HEAD COLDS
Melt in spoon; inhale vapors; apply freely up nostrils
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

Non-Freezing Waterers
The best kinds for all kinds of stock at
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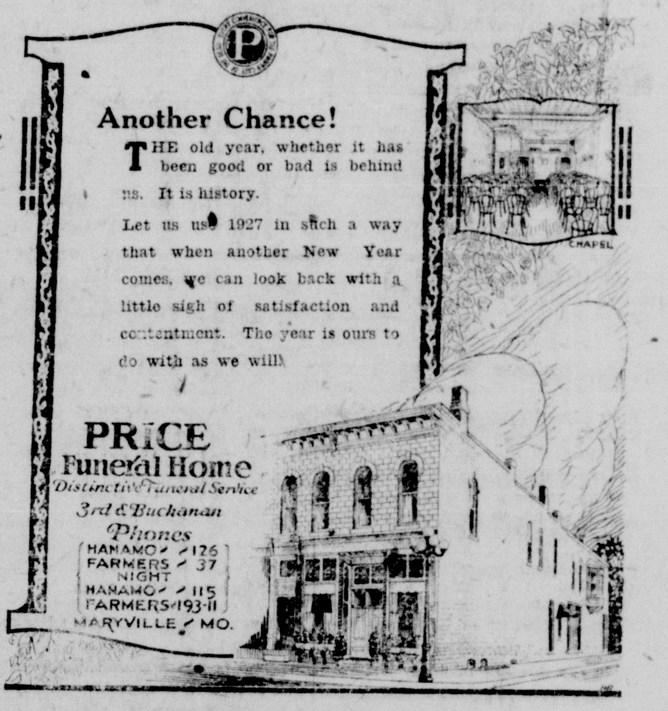
Another Chance!
THE old year, whether it has been good or bad is behind us. It is history.
Let us use 1927 in such a way that when another New Year comes, we can look back with a little sigh of satisfaction and contentment. The year is ours to do with as we will.
PRICE
Funeral Home
Distinctive Funeral Service
3rd & Buchanan
Phones
HANAMO 126
FARMERS 37
NIGHT
HANAMO 115
FARMERS 193-11
MARYVILLE, MO.

Closing Out Sale

Six and one-half miles southwest of Maryville, on the Elihu Busby farm, four and one-fourth miles northwest of Arkoe, and one-fourth mile west of the White Cloud Baptist Church, on

Tuesday, January 4, 1927

beginning at 10:30 a. m.

5 HEAD OF HORSES—1 brown horse, 9 years old, weight 1400; 1 brown mare, 8 years old, weight 1300; span of grey mares, 9 and 10 years old, weight 2800; 1 weanling horse colt, a good one.

20 HEAD OF CATTLE—Six head of good milk cows, ranging in age from 3 to 7 years old, all giving good flow of milk; 1 good Shorthorn bull, 2 years old in February; 7 head of fat cattle, four heifers and three steers, fat enough for the market; 6 head of fall calves.

48 HEAD OF HOGS—5 head of tried brood sows, bred for March farrow, double immuned; 1 black Poland-China boar, yearling, double immuned; 1 fat hog, weight about 225 lbs; 42 head of fall pigs old enough to wean.

12 HEAD OF SHEEP—4 head of 3-year-old ewes; 7 head of yearling ewes, all bred for March lambs; 1 Shropshire buck, 2 years old, a good one.

CHICKENS—Six dozen chickens, White Leghorns and Barred Rocks, and two purebred Buff Orpington roosters.

HAY AND GRAIN—About 700 bushels good Reid's Yellow Dent corn; about 150 bushels good seed oats; about 2 tons good alfalfa hay; about 7 bushels good seed corn picked before frost; 35 acres of stalk field.

FARM IMPLEMENTS—1 high wheel Birdsell wagon; 1 low wheel wagon with new rack; good cypress wagon box with end gates and scoopboard; top buggy; good buggy tongue; set of single harness; harrow; Janesville riding cultivator; 14-inch walking plow; lister and drill combined; Janesville disc; McCormick mower; McCormick-Deering single row go-devil, good as new; one hole corn sheller, good as new; set Concord harness, good as new; set good work harness; several collars; 3 wire corn cribs; chicken coops; two oil barrels; wheel barrow; vise; two hand bluegrass strippers; steel water tank; some cypress lumber; hog troughs; gates; small feed bunk; several loads of good dry wood in stove length; about 15 bushels good potatoes; good log chain; doubletrees; spade; shovels; scythes, and other articles. One 1925 FORD ROADSTER, in good condition.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Library table; dresser; sewing machine, good as new; 2 leather bottom rocking chairs; dining table; 2 sets dining chairs; 3 beds, 1 child's bed; 2 mattresses; 3 rugs; 2 cupboards; stand table; sanitary cot; Hoosier cabinet; high chair; Globe cook stove; Huenefield heater; Rullman washing machine, good as new; water separator; 180egg Klondyke incubator; cooking utensils; 200 quarts canned fruit.

TERMS—Cash or see your banker.

OSCAR A. HARDISTY

R. P. HOSMER, Auct. GEO. W. COLE, Clerk.

Lunch by Ladies of Salem Church.

Give Your Child Enough Vitamins For Good Health
SCOTT'S EMULSION
Is The Agreeable Way To Obtain The Benefits Of Cod-liver Oil Vitamins
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 26-25

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For further information, contract rates on Want Ads, etc., address:
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Calls answered promptly day or night.
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AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE 12

TWO GOOD VALUES

1924 Buick Master Six Roadster, A-1 condition.
1925 Ford Coupe. Good.

GEORGE McMURRY
East Side Square

AT

REDUCED PRICES

We have more used cars than we have room for. These cars are priced to sell.

Two 1925 Ford Coupes.
One 1925 Ford Touring.
One 1924 Ford Touring.
Two Ford Trucks with Cabs.
One 1924 Chevrolet Roadster.
One 1923 Chevrolet Coupe.
Three cheap Ford Tourings.
One Studebaker Touring.
Two 1926 Ford Roadster.

Chromine
For Your Radiator

See Fred Newlon for used cars

McDONNELL CHEVROLET CO.
114 West 2nd St.

USED CARS

1926 Dodge Coupe.
New Chevrolet Coach.
1925 Ford Coupe.
Dodge Touring, cheap.

CAMPBELL MOTOR CO.
Kramer Garage L. L. Clary, Mgr.

Outstanding
USED CAR VALUES

1924 Studebaker roadster. New paint, good rubber, mechanical condition good.
1923 Willys-Knight Country Club Touring. This car in excellent condition.

SEWELL AUTO COMPANY
Willys-Overland Fine Motor Cars

DEPENDABLE USED CARS

1926 Dodge Sedan.
1924 Dodge Sedan.
1923 Dodge Touring.
1923 Ford Coupe.
G. M. C. Truck.
Two Graham Brothers Trucks.

ARNOLD-STRONG
Motor Company

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE 12

GUARANTEED FORD USED CARS

1923 Touring, new paint and good tires.
1924 Touring, starter and demountable rims.
1925 Touring, cord tires.
1924 Coupe, 5 new cord tires.
1924 One-Ton Truck with starter

BARMANN AUTO COMPANY
Maryville's Ford Agent For 18 Years.

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AT YAUR SERVICE

For tin and furnace work, auto radiator repairing. Manufacturers of Hog and Poultry Waterers.

HEIDEMAN & LEET
East Side Square

ICE, COAL, WOOD, ETC. 20

ECONOMY IS A GOOD SLOGAN

It is not economy to consider price without quality. When you buy coal from Shoemaker-Bovard you get the benefit of their experience and personal guarantee as to quality and service.

SHOEMAKER-BOVARD

Just Arrived

Kentucky Nut.
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Coal Advancing
It is useless to
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Save Money

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Illinois Nut Coal
$6.50 and $7.50
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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED—FEMALE 26

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Mrs. Linwood Singleton, Farmers 208-12.

HELP WANTED—MALE 27

IF YOU ARE A

MAN

worthy of the name and not afraid to work I'll bet you $50 that you can't work for us 30 days and earn less than $200. Think I'm bluffing? Then answer this ad and show me up. Opening for Managers. The "Wonder Box" sells on sight.

TOM WALKER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 28

ELDERLY WOMAN would care for children or invalid, or do housework. Address 216 South Mulberry.

LIVESTOCK

POULTRY AND SUPPLIES 33

FOR SALE—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels.—Mrs. Lawrence Frazee, Farmers 37-11.

HORSES, CATTLE, SWINE 34

FOR SALE—Yearling Duroc Jersey Boar.—C. T. Barrow, Farmers 28-11.

MERCHANDISE

ARTICLES FOR SALE 37

FOR SALE—10-foot soda fountain, priced to sell.—Oak Cafe.

FOR SALE—9x12 axminster rug, violin and case.—Mrs. L. L. Clary, 642 N. Market.

RESIDENCES AND ROOMS

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FOR RENT—January 1st, new five room apartment, West Side.—Chas. Hyslop.

FARMS, LANDS FOR RENT 41

FOR RENT—320-acre farm, 5 miles southwest Conception. — Barney Bradv, Conception.

HOUSES FOR RENT 42

FOR RENT—A six room modern house. Chas. Hyslop.

FOR RENT—6-room cottage.—See Dr. K. C. Cummins.

FOR RENT—Modern 8-room house, close in.—J. B. Cummins.

FOR RENT—6-room house at 810 North Mulberry.—Call Farmers 11-22.

ROOMS FOR RENT 43

FOR RENT—Two modern, comfortable houses; close in.—Fred Kurtz, Hanamo 649.

FOR RENT—Two modern rooms for light housekeeping. Down stairs. Hanamo 3511 or inquire at this office.

HOUSES FOR SALE 47

FOR SALE—4-room house and two lots on paved street, West Side. Good as new. $2,600, terms. 7 acres close in, good modern house. Will trade for smaller residence. 60 acres well improved, $100 per acre. $2,000 will handle it. See this at once. We write all kinds of insurance.—Yeo Bros.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the 17th annual stockholders meeting of the Arkoe State Bank will be held at its banking house in the city of Arkoe, Missouri, on the 10th day of January, 1927.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m., and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called to be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect five directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

SAMUEL CORROUGH,
President.
Attest V. E. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

NEWS EVENTS OF 1926

(By United Press)

The principal foreign and domestic events of 1926 follow:

JANUARY

2—Leon Trotzky re-elected to Political Bureau of Communist party after lapse of six years.
3—Military dictatorship established in Greece by Premier Pangalos.
4—Prince Carol's renunciation of Rumanian throne accepted by National Assembly.
9—"Formal representations" made to Mexico by State Department on new Mexican alien land law and petroleum act.
10—Mexican train held up and 50 passengers and troops murdered.
12—Gerald P. Nye, appointed to Senate from North Dakota, seated by Senate.
13—An explosion in the Degnan-McConnell coal mine near Wilburton, Oklahoma, kills 91 men.
14—Nineteen men meet death in Jamison mine explosion at Farmington, West Virginia.
Prince Antoine Bibesco recalled as Rumanian Minister to the United States.
15—House ratifies Italian debt settlement.
16—House approves debt settlements with Belgium, Rumania, Esthonia, Latvia and Czecho-Slovakia.
23—Cardinal Mercer, Belgian war hero, dies.
27—Italy settles war debt with Great Britain.
Viscount Kato, Japanese premier, dies.
Entrance to the World Court under Swanson reservations voted by the Senate.
28—Col. William Mitchell resigns from Army after court-martial is upheld.
29—Thirty-eight men killed in Mossboro mine explosion near Helena, Alabama.

FEBRUARY

10—Germany makes formal application for admission to League of Nations.
Spanish flyers arrive in Buenos Aires after flight across the Atlantic from Palos, Spain, during which they traveled 6,232 miles.
11—Seizure of all church property ordered by Mexican Government and some Spanish priests arrested and deported.
12—Agreement reached by anthracite operators and miners under which longest strike in industry ended.
16—Suzanne Lenglen defeats Helen Wills in a tennis match at Cannes, France, 6—3, 8—6.
17—Barring of Countess Cathcart by Ellis Island immigration authorities on grounds of moral turpitude upheld by the Department of Labor.
Forty persons killed and many injured by avalanch of snow and debris sweeping down on Sap Gulch, Utah.
21—Thirty-eight Catholic schools and convents closed in Mexico City.

MARCH

2—French Chamber of Deputies and Belgian Senate ratify Locarno treaties.
4—Consent decree signed by National Food Products Co. enjoining it from carrying out proposed combination of food products companies.
5—Writ of habeas corpus secured by Countess Cathcart sustained and Federal Judge Bondy orders her admitted to the United States.
7—Two-way telephone communication by non-experts between United States and England established for the first time.
8—Discovery of one of the five supposedly existing but unknown elements, making up all compounds announced by Dr. R. E. Hopkins of the University of Illinois.
18—Col. John Coolidge, father of the president, dies at his home in Plymouth, Vermont.
19—Admiral Coundouriotis resigns as President of Greece.
20—Charles R. Forbes, former head of Veterans' Bureau, enters Leavenworth prison on two year sentence for conspiracy to defraud government on hospital contracts.
23—Reichstag approves action of German delegates in refusing to agree to German admission to League of Nations at the same time with any other nation.
31—The United States is formally invited by the League of Nations to participate in the meetings of signatories of the World Court protocol at Geneva, September 1 to discuss American reservations.

APRIL

1—The House impeaches Federal Judge George W. English of the eastern district of Illinois on charges of tyranny and corruption in office, using obscene language in the courtroom and threatening a jury.
2—An intensive economic survey of the Philippine Islands by Col. Carmi A. Thomson of Ohio, ordered by President Coolidge.
5—Gerald Chapman, the bandit, executed at Wethersfield State Prison, in Connecticut.
7—Premier Mussolini of Italy shot and slightly wounded by Violet Albina Gibson, British noblewoman.
The offer of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of $10,000,000 for the establishment of a museum of antiquities at Cario rejected by the Egyptian Government.
Forty men killed in explosions on two tank steamers on the Mississippi.
11—Luther Burbank dies.
Senate seats Daniel F. Steck, Democrat of Iowa, in place of Senator Smith W. Brookhart.
18—General Pangalos inaugurated president of Greece.
19—United States rejects Geneva conference invitation.
21—Senate approves Italian debt settlement.
23—Joseph Pennell, noted artist, dies.
25—Rezr Kahn Pehlevi, crown himself Shah of Persia.
29—French dept agreement concluded between American Debt Commission and Ambassador Berenger.
29—French Cabinet approves agreement.
Transmission of pictures by radio between New York and London commenced on a commercial basis.

MAY

1—General strike order, effective May 3, unless agreement is reached between coal mine owners and operators, ordered by British Trade Union Congress.
3—British General strike, involving 5,000,000 workers, goes into effect.
Oscar S. Straus, noted lawyer, merchant and philanthropist, dies.
4—American cruiser Cleveland ordered to Bluefields, Nicaragua, to protect American lives and property during new revolution.
7—Former Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty, Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, and John T. King, former national committeeman from Connecticut, indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on charges growing out of the return of approximately $6,917,000 from the sale of stock in a German concern confiscated during the war.
9—Lieut.-Com. Richard E. Byrd flies over the North Pole and back to his base at Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, negotiating the distance of 1,360 miles in 15½ hours.
11—British general strike ends.
13—British rail and dock workers remain on strike due to disagreement over terms.
16—Mohammend VI, former Sultan of Turkey dies.
19—Special committee appointed by Senate to investigate charges of the alleged expenditure of $5,000,000 in Pennsylvania primary in which Congressman William S. Vare received the Republican senatorial nomination.
26—Morocco War ends with surrender of Abd-el-Krim to French.
27—Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and Crown Princess Louise arrive in New York.
21—Sesquicentennial Exposition opens in Philadelphia.
Marshal Pilsudski elected president of Poland, but declines the office.

JUNE

2—House approves French debt refunding agreement.
3—American golf team keeps the Walker Cup in play in Scotland.
13—Brazil withdraws from League of Nations.
15—Chile informs the United States that it has ended its obligation to abide by the offices of the United States in the Tacna-Arica dispute.
20—Eucharistic Congress opens in Chicago.
25—Bobby Jones wins British open golf title.
26—Flood kills between 500 and 1,000 persons at Leon, Mexico.

JULY

2—Dr. Emile Cone, noted auto-suggestion advocate, dies.
3—Sixty-ninth Congress ends first session.
10—Explosion in the naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, New Jersey, caused by bolt of lightning, kills 21 and injures many. Damage estimated at $150,000,000.
11—Gen. Gomez da Costa ousted as Portuguese dictator and exiled to Azores.
12—Former Secretary of War John W. Weeks, dies.
15—Belgian Parliament appoints King Albert financial dictator for six months.
26—Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son and last surviving member of the family of President Lincoln, dies.
Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, first woman governor of Texas, defeated by Attorney-General Dan Moody, for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.
27—A hurricane in the Bahamas kills 150 persons and does property damage estimated at $8,000,000.
28—Trade boycott against Mexico's religious laws commences.
29—All Catholics in Mexico ordered disarmed and Monsignor Tito Crespi, in charge of the Apostolic Delegation at Mexico City, expelled.
31—Senator Albert R. Cummins dies.
The Mexican religious laws go into effect with 19,000,000 Catholics accepting them peacefully.
Belgium wipes out national debt by turning state railways over to private controls and exchanging bonds for railroad securities.

AUGUST

1—Israel Zangwill, author, dies.
2—President Calles rejects proposal for religious truce.
6—Gertrude Ederle swims the English Channel, the first woman to accomplish the feat, in the record time of 14 hours and 25 minutes.
13—Secretary Kellogg announces "hands off" policy in Mexican religious controversy.
22—General Pangalos overthrown in Greek revolt headed by General Condylis.
Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, dies.
23—Rudolph Valentino dies.
27—Commander John Rodgers killed in Philadelphia plane crash.
29—Mrs. Clemington Corson, mother of two children, swims English Channel, in 15 hours 28 minutes.
30—Ernest Vierkoetter makes new channel record of 12 hours 43 minutes.

SEPTEMBER

8—Germany elected to League of Nations.
10—George Michel, swims the English Channel in 11 hours and 5 minutes.
11—Bomb thrown at Mussolini by young anarchist but Premier escapes injury.
Spain resigns from League of Nations.
15—Embargo on Nicaragua arms shipments ordered by President Coolidge.
18—Southeastern Florida is swept by hurricane.
George Von Elm wins national amateur golf championship from Bobby Jones.
21—Capt. Rene Fonck's proposed trans-Atlantic flight ends disastrously several minutes after the takeoff at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, when the machine was wrecked and two of the crew killed.
23—Gene Tunney wins heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey.
28—Cancellation of naval oil reserve leases in Wyoming of the Mammoth Oil Co. ordered by Circuit Court of Appeals on the ground they were fraudulently obtained by Harry F. Sinclair from former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall.

OCTOBER

1—Alan Cobham completes 28,000 mile flight from England to Australia and return.
2—Former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, Harry F. Sinclair, and Edward L. Doheny must stand trial on conspiracy indictments in connection with the leasing of California and Wyoming naval oil reserves, District of Columbia Court of appeals rules.
10—St. Louis Cardinals win world's series from New York Yankees.
11—Jury disagrees and is discharged after 66 hours' deliberation in trial of former attorney general Daugherty and former alien property custodian Miller on conspiracy charge.
18—Queen Marie of Rumania arrives in New York.
20—Eugene V. Debs, dies.
23—Leon Trotzky and Leon Kameney ousted from political bureau of Communist party in factional dispute.
31—Sixth attempt made on life of Premier Mussolini. Mob kill his assailant.
Harry Houndini, magician, dies.

NOVEMBER

2—Democrats gain seven seats in the Senate in election. Gov. Alfred E. Smith re-elected Governor of New York for fourth time.
3—Trial of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, for murder of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, September 14, 1922, trial begins in Somerville, N. J.
12—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, dies.
17—United States recognizes Adolfo Diaz as President of Nicaragua.
23—Henry Berenger resigns as French Ambassador to United States. Paul Claudel succeeds him.
30—American destroyers ordered up Yangtse River to Hankow to aid in protecting foreigners.
Carl Akley, noted explorer, sculptor and inventor, dies.

DECEMBER

3—Mrs. Hall and her brothers acquitted of murder charge.
7—Senate votes investigation of bribery charges against Arthur R. Gould, elected to the senate from Maine.
16—Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny acquitted of conspiracy to defraud government.
21—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker in baseball scandal involving alleged "throwing" of a game in 1919.

Read the Want Ads.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

ST. JOSEPH LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 2,500; market 15c to 25c up. Top, $11.65; bulk, $11.40 to $11.60.

Cattle.

Receipts 400; market nominally steady.
Bulk of steers, $8 to $9.50.
Cows and heifers, $3.75 to $9.
Calves, $5 to $12.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $8.25.

Sheep.

Receipts 2,500; market steady.
Lambs, 11.75 to $12.75.
Ewes, $5.50 to $6.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 15,000; market 10c to 25c up.
Bulk, $11.40 to $11.65.
Heavies, $11.35 to $11.65.
Butchers, $11.50 to $11.65.
Lights, $11.35 to $11.75.
Pigs, $11.25 to $12.

Cattle.

Receipts 500; market steady.
Prime fed steers, $10.50 to $12.75.
Dressed beef steers, $7.50 to $10.50.
Western steers, $7.75 to $10.50.
Southern steers, $6.25 to $8.85.
Stockers and feeders, $6 to $8.75.
Cows, $3.90 to $7.50.
Heifers, $6 to $11.25.
Bulls, $5 to $7.
Calves, $6 to $13.

Sheep.

Receipts 500; market steady.
Spring lambs, 11.25 to $12.75.
Yearlings, $9 to $10.
Ewes, $4.75 to $6.50.
Wethers, $7 to $8.
Stockers and feeders, $11 to $12.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 500; market slow to steady.

Cattle.

Receipts 4,500; market 15c to 25c up.

Sheep.

Receipts none; market nominal.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Hogs.

Receipts 21,000; market 25c higher.

Cattle.

Receipts 2,000; market; receipts small, barely in position to establish market on most killing classes.

Sheep.

Receipts 12,000; market slow.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK

Hogs.

Receipts 7,000; market active, unevenly 15c to 40c higher.

Cattle.

Receipts 750; market nominally steady.

Sheep.

Receipts 600; market nominally steady.

Chicago Cash Grain.

WHEAT—No. 3 red, $1.32¾; No. 1, hard, $1.42¼ to $1.43¼.
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 79c; No. 3 yellow, 68½c to 72½c; No. 2 white, 73½c; No. 3 white, 72½c.
OATS—No. 2 white, 47¾c to 48¾c.
HAY—Timothy, $5 to $5.75; clover, $25 to $26.50.
RYE—None.
BARLEY—63c to 72c.

Chicago Grain Table.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yest.
Dec.	1.37½	1.39½	1.32	1.35	1.38½
May	1.38⅝	1.38⅞	1.38	1.38⅛	1.39
July	1.30⅝	1.30¾	1.29½	1.30	1.30⅞
CORN—					
Dec.	.69¾	.70⅛	.67¾	.68⅜	.70
May	.80¼	.80½	.79⅜	.79⅝	.80⅜
July	.83⅜	.83⅜	.82¾	.83	.83⅝

Kansas City Grain, Hay, Produce.

WHEAT—Receipts 108 cars; market for hard, ½c to 1c lower; market for red, ½c to 1c lower; No. 2 hard, $1.35 to $1.37½; No. 3 hard, $1.32 to $1.36; No. 2 red, $1.31½ to $1.32½; No. 3 red, $1.29½ to $1.31.
CORN—Receipts 20 cars; market unchanged to ½c higher; No. 2 mixed, 73c to 73½c; No. 3 mixed, 71c to 72½c; No. 2 yellow, 73c to 73½c; No. 3 yellow, 73½c to 74½c; No. 2 white, 73c to 74c.
OATS—Receipts 8 cars; market unchanged, No. 2 white, 48½c to 51c.
RYE—No. 2, nominal; 90c to 90½c.
BARLEY—No. 3, nominal; 66c to 69c.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $16 to $16.50; timothy, No. 1, $16 to $17; alfalfa, choice, $22 to $23.50.
Eggs, 39c; selected, 47c; butter, 53c; packing, 22c; hens, 23c; turkeys and young toms, 40c; broilers, 24c; ducks, 19c; geese, 19c.

Closing Grain Review.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Today being the delivery date for December grains, corn and wheat prices for this month went crashing, traders selling heavily through the session.

Wheat closed ⅞ to 3½ cents lower. The cash market was steady to ½ cent lower. The decline was due to slow demand and liberal supply.

Corn was steady in most of the early part of the session but trade was exceedingly slow and some weakness developed. Closing prices were ¾ to 1⅝ cents lower.

There was a bearish sentiment in late trading and locals sold on every bulge. The cash market was steady to ½ cent lower.

Oats were steady to a little easier, closing ⅛ cent up to ⅛ cent off. Trade was extremely light and without feature. Cash prices were ½ cent lower.

Provisions were easy early but closed higher.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Cream, per lb.	44c
Eggs, per doz.	35c
Hens, heavy, per lb.	19c
Hens, light, per lb.	15c
Springs, heavy, per lb.	18c
Springs, Leghorn, per lb.	14c
Roosters, per. lb.	9c
Geese, per lb.	13c
Hides, per. lb.	5c
Ducks, per lb.	16c

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: Good-By, Old Year

NEW YEAR'S EVE- WHAT DO YOU SAY, FOLKS? WOULD YOU CARE TO STEP OUT AND LOOK THINGS OVER? BIG TIME DOWN TOWN TO-NIGHT-
WE'VE BEEN SO MANY PLACES AND SEEN SO MUCH SINCE WE CAME, AND WE'LL BE GOING HOME MONDAY- LET'S JUST SIT AND VISIT THIS EVENING-
YUH GET SORT OF A FUNNY FEELIN' WHEN YUH REALIZE AN OLD YEAR IS JUST GOIN' AND WON'T EVER COME BACK, AN' A NEW ONE IS STARTIN'- GEE- JUST ONE TICK BETWEEN 'EM- WHEN YUH THINK OF IT NOTHIN' EVER STANDS STILL, SANDY-
HEY, FOLKS! TWO MINUTES AN' IT'LL BE HAPPY NEW YEAR!
A NEW YEAR- A LOT OF THINGS CAN HAPPEN IN THAT TIME- I HOPE A YEAR FROM NOW WE ARE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE TO-NIGHT-
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TOURNAMENT IS ENLARGED

16 TEAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE BASKETBALL MEET.

TO CHOOSE TWO HERE

March 10-12 Is Set as Date of Maryville Tourney.—Spring Contests April 28-30.

Several changes in basketball tournament management under the state high school athletic association were made at a meeting of its board of control in Kansas City yesterday. Uel W. Lamkin, president of the State Teachers College, attended the meeting as a representative of the state teachers colleges of Missouri, and C. L. Brewer, director of athletics at the University of Missouri, represented that institution.

Outsanding among the new rulings of the board was the decision that the state tournament at Columbia this year will be participated in by sixteen teams rather than eight as in the past. It has been the policy of the teachers colleges to send the winners of the district tournaments to the state meet in Columbia each year. This year, however, both the winners and the runners-up will be sent to the state tourney, the teachers colleges bearing half the expenses of each team.

Another innovation in connection with the state tourney will be the fact that a St. Louis team will be represented. This will be the first time that a team from that city has competed in a state tournament.

The teams competing in the tournament will be from the five teachers college districts, the south central district at Rolla, and the St. Louis and Kansas City teams.

The Northwest Missouri tournament, to be held under the auspices of the local College, will be on March 10, 11 and 12, and the state tournament will be one week later.

All basketball teams of Northwest Missouri will be invited to compete in the tournament here, but all must be members of the state association.

The annual spring contests sponsored by the College will be held on April 28-30 and the state meet will be on May 7. First and second place winners at the Northwest Missouri affair will be allowed to compete in the state events.

Parnell Team Shows Airtight Defense

In Four Games Town Team Hold Opponents to 36 Points—To Play Ravenwood Saturday.

The Parnell Town Team won their fourth consecutive game of the season when Hopkins fell 18-7 at Parnell Wednesday. The previous night Sheridan was defeated 23-8 at Sheridan, in a slow game.

The Hopkins game was fast, both teams breaking on the offense in rapid fashion. Hopkins was unable to penetrate the airtight defense presented by Parnell and scored but two field baskets. Parnell worked the ball to the basket with comparative ease, but were off in shooting form and time after time missed "set-ups".

Lineup and summary:

PARNELL: (18)	FG	FT	F
Walts, f	1	0	2
L. Cox, f	4	1	1
E. Cox, f	1	0	0
Hines, c	1	0	0
Nelson, g	1	0	0
W. Cox, g	0	1	1
Stutesman, g	0	0	0
Totals	8	2	4
HOPKINS: (7)	FG	FT	F
Davis, f	0	2	1
Baldwin, f	1	0	2
Turner, c	1	0	0
Baker, c	0	0	0
Holker, g	0	0	3
Hall, g	0	1	2
Pistole, g	0	0	0
Totals	2	3	8

Referee: Batson.

In the four games played to date Parnell has scored a total of 77 points to 36 for the opposition. Only nine field baskets have been scored against Parnell. Saturday night Parnell plays Ravenwood at Ravenwood.

Hillyards Beat Nebraska.

St. Joseph, Dec. 31.—The University of Nebraska basketball team lost to Mr. Hillyard's national champions here last night by a score of 36 to 26. The Cornhuskers displayed a strong defense as compared to the Hillyard's back court work, but the St. Joseph team excelled at the loop.

Josephine Elaine Schoonover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Schoonover, 701 East Fifth street, are the parents of a daughter, born yesterday. The baby has been named Josephine Elaine.

CUPID SHORT OF 1925 MARK

207 MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED HERE IN 1926.

34 DIVORCES GRANTED

June Is Dethroned by May as "Month of Brides" With August Ranking Second.

That little nymph who flits around unseen and yet has played an important role in every married man and woman's life, was again active in Nodaway County during the year that closes tonight, but he was a trifle lazy.

Or perhaps, Dan Cupid, who has spirited many a good man to the recorder's office here, found the sledding hard and has come to the conclusion that "two can't live as cheaply as one." At any rate, his record for 1926 was below the past two years, although he made a brave attempt to equal the number of 209 he enticed to the recorder in 1925. He fell short two of that mark and four below his 1924 mark.

The old tradition that June is the banner month for brides failed to hold good, falling to third place in the number of licenses issued. May stands at the head of the list with twenty-seven. Hot as August was, the day of dogs came second with twenty-six, and June trailed along with twenty. Last year June upheld tradition, holding the record with twenty-three.

Marriage licenses issued according to months for the last two years are recorded at the courthouse here as follows:

Marriage Licenses

	Issued 1926	Issued 1925
January	18	14
February	15	21
March	9	18
April	9	17
May	27	17
June	20	23
July	18	5
August	26	21
September	16	18
October	16	20
November	18	15
December	13	20
Totals	207	209

As busy as Cupid was, he always found a "discourager" hot on his trail seeking to undue his accomplishments. That ugly, sinister figure, "divorce," followed in Cupid's trail this year to break up slightly less than his work of 1925 but double his undoings for 1924.

Divorce Statistics.

The statistics of marriages and divorces recorded in Nodaway County as shown on the records of the recorder of deeds and the circuit clerk:

Year	Marriages	Divorces
1924	211	17
1925	209	37
1926	207	34

Divorces are granted only when circuit court is in session and not at the pleasure of the parties, so the rate month by month cannot be ascertained. The circuit court meets here three times a year and the record of divorces for the different terms for the last two years stands:

Year	Jan.Trm.	Apr.Trm.	Oct. Trm.
1925	9	14	14
1926	12	8	14

Rate of marriage licenses to divorces in 1926: One divorce to 6.0588 marriages licenses.

Rate of marriage licenses to divorces in 1925: One divorce to 5.6486 marriage licenses.

A state statistician stated that in 1925 the marriage licenses increased throughout the state 2 per cent over 1924, with 11.2 per 1,000 population.

The number of marriages in Nodaway County in 1926 per 1,000 population was 7.35 and last year 7.46. This is considering the population of Nodaway at 28,000, the number given in the 1910 census. The cities and towns in the county undoubtedly have increased, but the country population has decreased in proportion to make the population remain stationary.

Robertson Leads in Weddings.

The number of marriages performed by ministers, priests, judges and justices of the peace during 1926, as taken from the records of the recorder of deeds follow. This may not be a true index to the total number of ceremonies they performed, but shows the number performed after the licenses issued in Nodaway County:

C. C. James, 16; J. F. Robertson, 20; R. A. Mitchell, 13; Guy L. Prather, 11; R. E. Musgrave, 16; Father Niemann, 5; W. C. Harper, 2; J. H. Sayler, 7; Father J. Leo Ruggle, 2; Father Ambrose Bucher, 3; E. M. Houchens, 1; Father Placidus, 3; C. L. Uht, 1; Thomas Taylor, 1; R. W. Richards, 3; L. T. Hargrave, 1; J. H. Thompson, 4; W. L. Johnson (deceased), 13; Father Richard Felix, 3; Father O. Schieber, 3; B. H. Harmon, 1; Father Fidelis Goetz, 1; R. E. Snodgrass, 1; E. O. Wells, 1; C. E. Hagee, 1; J. E. Wilkins, 1; B. W. Smallwood, 1; J. H. Fanning, 2; A. L. Ragsdale, 1; F. D. Augustine, 1; T. J. Puckett, 1; A. L. Garten, 1; William N. DeWar, 1; P. M. Mitchell, 1.

John McCormack to Sing New Year Night

Famous Tenor, for Third Successive Year, Will Give Radio Concert From Chain Stations.

New York, Dec. 31.—For the third successive time John McCormack will open the New Year by appearing in a radio studio. The celebrated Irish tenor will be the principal attraction in a two-hour program sponsored by the Victor Company, which will be broadcast by both the WEAF and WJZ chain of broadcasting stations.

Assisting McCormack will be Rosa Ponselle, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, Alfred Cortot, distinguished French pianist, and Mischa Elman, the noted violinist, all of whom make their radio debuts on this occasion. Nathaniel Shilkret's Salon Orchestra will provide the orchestral background for the concert.

Scheduled to commence at 9 o'clock, Eastern time, the concert will conclude at 11. McCormack's radio debut was made on January 1, 1925, through WEAF and a much smaller chain of stations than is now re-broadcasting programs from that station. New York's night in 1926 found the well known Irishman back on the air, this time through the WJZ chair, but with the same collaborator, Mme. Lucrezia Bori.

Conference Called on Flood Control

Representatives Of Four States Meet To Plan Measures for Protection and Conservation.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 31.—Commissioners of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas were meeting here today looking to final agreement in flood control plans affecting the four states.

Legislators and citizens interested in the flood control, reclamation and irrigation projects affecting the signatories have been instructed to attend the session.

The chief streams affecting the involved states are the Canadian and Red rivers. The commissioners propose to join efforts in the building of strategic dam sites and construction of reservoirs looking both to protection against floods and conservation of water.

In Oklahoma alone, the North Canadian, tributary, brought $25,000,000 damage in 1923, E. E. Blake, Oklahoma commissioner, pointed out.

Other streams inflicting heavy damage in this state this year were the Verdigris and Arkansas rivers.

From this conference is expected to come an agreement to be submitted to the forthcoming legislatures of the four commonwealths.

Golden Wedding of Mr and Mrs. Griffey

Clearmont Couple Were Married 50 Years Ago December 21—Residents Here for 50 Years.

(Clearmont News)

Mr. and Mrs. Gool Griffey observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 21th at their home in Clearmont. Mr. Griffey is 74 years old and his wife is 70 years of age. They were married Dec. 21st. 1876, at the home of the bride's brother and have lived in and near Clearmont, for the past 50 years. Mrs. Griffey has lived in Nodaway Co., all her life. Mr. Griffey was born in Page Co., but at the age of twelve moved to Nodaway Co. and has resided there since.

Those who helped the Griffey's observe their anniversary were their children and grandchildren. The children were: Harve Bush and wife, Carl Griffey and wife, Clarence McCollum and wife, Albert Hagey and wife. The grandchildren were: Everett Fast and wife, Sam Ripley and wife, Wilbur Bush and wife, Earl Bever, wife and son, Fred William, Paul and Buster Bever, Ivan Bush, Eldon and Vergene Griffey, Albert Hagey.

Kansas City Boy Wins Indoor Tennis Title

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31.—Wilbur F. Coen, jr., of Kansas City, holder of the boys' outdoor tennis championship today added the indoor title to his laurels, defeating Sydney Wood, jr., of New York in the finals of the national indoor junior and boys championship tournament in the Fifth Regiment Armory. Coen won by scores of 6-2 and 6-4.

Appointed Administratrix.

Miss Frankie Applegate, of Hopkins, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Rachel Ball, who died December 26. Miss Applegate is a niece of the deceased and her appointment made in the court of Judge Jesse F. Robertson.

FIRE DAMAGE MORE IN 1926

ONLY ONE MORE BLAZE BUT LOSS HIGHER THAN IN '25.

SPARKS CHIEF CAUSE

Twenty-One of Forty-Five Alarms During Year Are Blamed On Vulnerable Roofs.

The 46th This Afternoon.

The 46th fire this year occurred at 3 o'clock this afternoon when the roof on the Elmer Fraser home, 325 East Third street, caught fire from sparks blown from the chimney.

Most of the roof was under canvas, preparatory to re-shingling, as it was damaged by fire December 13. This was the seventh fire this week.

The damage this afternoon was negligible.

Including one this morning, forty-five fire alarms were turned in this year—one more than in 1925—and damage was reported at thirty-four with an estimated total of $24,865, according to a record of the fire department, kept by Fire Chief Burt M. Rowley.

Although there were no great losses, such as the Empire Theater, which was partly burned in 1925, the average loss at each fire was greater this year than last. It also was more in 1926 than in 1924 when fifty-four fire calls were answered and the estimated damage listed at $21,975. The estimated damage from fires in Maryville during 1925 was $20,520.

Sparks on roofs started more fires than any other causes, according to the fire chief's record book. Twenty-one roofs caught fire from flying sparks. Other causes were:

Spontaneous combustion, 2; chimney burning, 5; defective wiring, 2; overheated flue stop, 1; leaves in gutter, 1; burning grass, 1; children playing with matches, 1; automobile fire, 1; smoking stove, 2; short circuit, 1; unknown, 2; oil stove, 2; matches, 1; defective chimney, 1; chemical explosion.

Three fires were reported in January with estimated damage of $575; February, 3, damage $5,500; March, 7, damage $55; April, 6, damage $120; May, 3, damage $1,050; June, 2, damage $500; July, none; August, 2, damage $60; September, none; October, 2, damage $70; November, 6, damage $4,605; and December, 11, damage, $5,170.

December was the banner month for the fire department, eleven fires being reported and damage placed at $5,170. In two months of the year there were no fires, July and September.

On February 14, the shoe store and stock of the Reavis Shoe store was damaged to the extent of $5,500, it was estimated. Other destructive fires during the year were those at the E. A. Nelson home, the Elmer Fraser property, the burning of the Mrs. Karl Malotte home, the one today at the home of Carl Tarpley and the explosion at the State Teachers College on December 14.

The books of Fire Chief Rowley show the following fires, date on which they occurred by months and the estimated damage:

Date	Cause	Loss.
January.		
21	sparks from flue	$ 500
22	oil mop, spontaneous combustion	$ 60
22	sparks from flue	$ 15
February.		
1	chimney burning, false alarm.	
14	defective wiring	$5,500
25	overheated flue stop, no damage.	
March.		
2	leaves in gutter near house no damage.	
7	burning flue, no damage.	
12	sparks from chimney	$ 10
15	sparks from flue	$ 25
15	sparks from chimney	$ 15
16	burning grass	$ 15
26	smoke pipe fell out chimney, no damage.	
April.		
4	sparks on roof	$ 15
11	sparks on roof	$ 25
12	sparks on roof	$ 30
16	car on fire close to house	$ 50
21	chicken house set fire by children playing with matches—no value.	
30	Garage, waste pile caught fire, no damage.	
May.		
3	smoking stove in basement, no damage.	
5	flue burning set two awnings	$ 50
22	short circuit in auto	$1,000
June.		
17	hay in barn, outside city limits	$ 500
21	smoking stove, no damage.	
July—None.		
August		
3	oil stove	$ 50
25	sparks on roof	$ 10
September—None.		
October		
25	sparks on roof	$ 20
29	sparks on roof	$ 50
November.		
1	sparks on roof	$ 60
7	sparks on roof	$1,900
12	unknown	$ 100
19	sparks on roof	$2,500
20	sparks on roof	$ 50
27	hole in roof, out on arrival	$ 5
December.		
5	match thrown in cob basket	$ 650
13	defective wiring	$3,500
14	chemical explosion	$3,500
12	burning flue, no damage.	
21	flue burned	$ 5
26	sparks on roof	$ 40
28	sparks on roof	$ 10
28	burning flue, no damage.	
28	defective chimney	$2,000
30	roof fire	$ 15
31	unknown	$3,100

Harold Bright Is Much Better Today

Harold Bright, 9 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bright of Conception, who was accidentally shot while hunting Tuesday is much better, it was reported today. The boy is a patient at the Sisters' Hospital at St. Joseph.

Read the Want Ads.

Junior Red Cross Workers Send Gifts to Sanitoriums

The Junior Red Cross members in Nodaway County have worked hard preparing remembrances to send to sanitoriums and hospitals during the holidays, according to Miss Betty Turner, local executive secretary of the Red Cross.

The third and fourth grades at Barnard under the tutelage of Mrs. Verdie Daniels, has worked up a very good health portfolio. The book has been sent in to Red Cross headquarters and the students have requested that they be paired with an Indian school.

St. Mary's school sent out thirteen cutout dolls, celverly done so that their arms and legs move slightly. These dolls went to an Indian Sanitorium for children.

The first grade at the Franklin school under the direction of the teacher, Miss Frances Carr, made a train which was sent to the Hava Supai Indian Day School at Supai, Arizona.

The fifth grade at the Washington School, Miss Marie Chandler, teacher, sent 23 Christmas bells to the Albuquerque Sanitorium at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The eighth grade at the Washington School under the direction of Miss Esther Bisby, teacher, sent fifteen Santa Clauses with each figures carrying a sack of popcorn. These also went to the Albuquerque Sanitorium.

The Fourth A grade at Washington under Miss Katherine Harrison sent Christmas window cutouts, 19 sets, and 16 poinsettias to the Laguna Sanitorium at Laguna, New Mexico.

The Holy Family School at Conception Junction, under the direction of Sisters Concordia and Frances, has received a portfolio from Volkschule, Salzberg, Austria. The book contained scenic postcards, studies in art and a game with music.

The high school at Burlington Junction has received a portfolio from the Chilocco Indian School at Chilocco, Okla. The book contained extensive material telling of the school which is one of the largest agricultural schools for Indians in the United States.

Old Records Show New Year Did Not Always Begin Jan. 1

"Happy New Year!"

To some people it means a long list of resolutions made with care and broken with ease; to others Christmas shopping; but to most of us it means one certain thing—it means a pile of bills, results of a chance to start another year.

The New Year has always meant a beginning because it marks the first of, not only twelve months, but also one month. The New Year did not always begin on Jan. 1, however, according to old records.

Readers of Parish Registers and other ancient documents are sometimes puzzled by the dates and especially the apparent discrepancies in the time when the year started. From the seventh to the fourteenth centuries it had its beginning on Christmas Day. In the twelfth century the church began the New Year on March 25 and the civilians, in the fourteenth century, chose the same day.

In 1752 a new style was introduced, and 1753 started on the first of January. Previous to this two dates were used, one for the civil year, and the other for the historical. The former was on March 25, and the latter on Jan. 1. Thus we find the same event with two dates.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ditto and family of Kansas City are visiting Mr. Ditto's parents, Mr and Mrs. S. D. Ditto, and other relatives.

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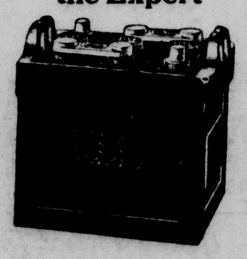

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